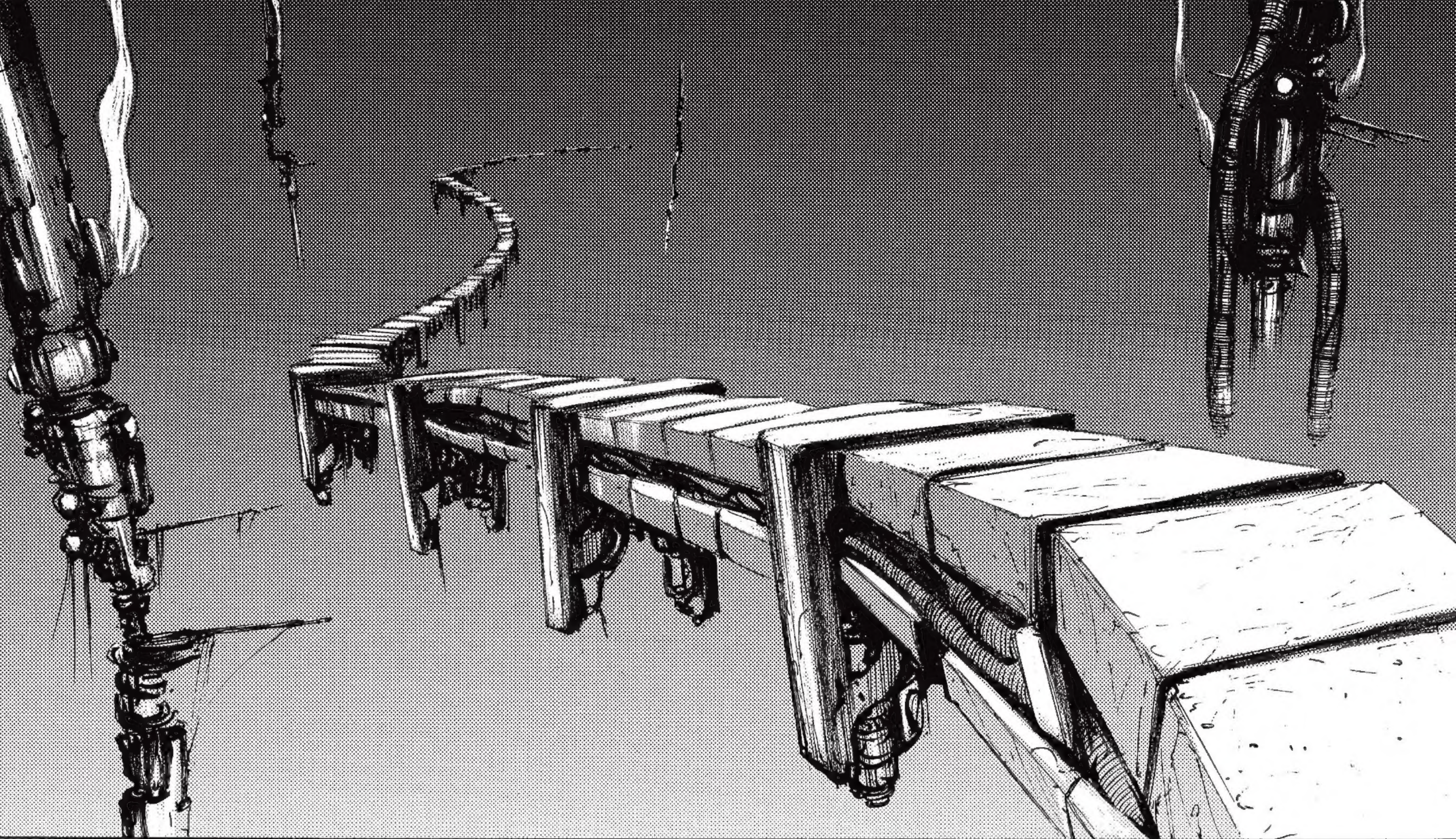
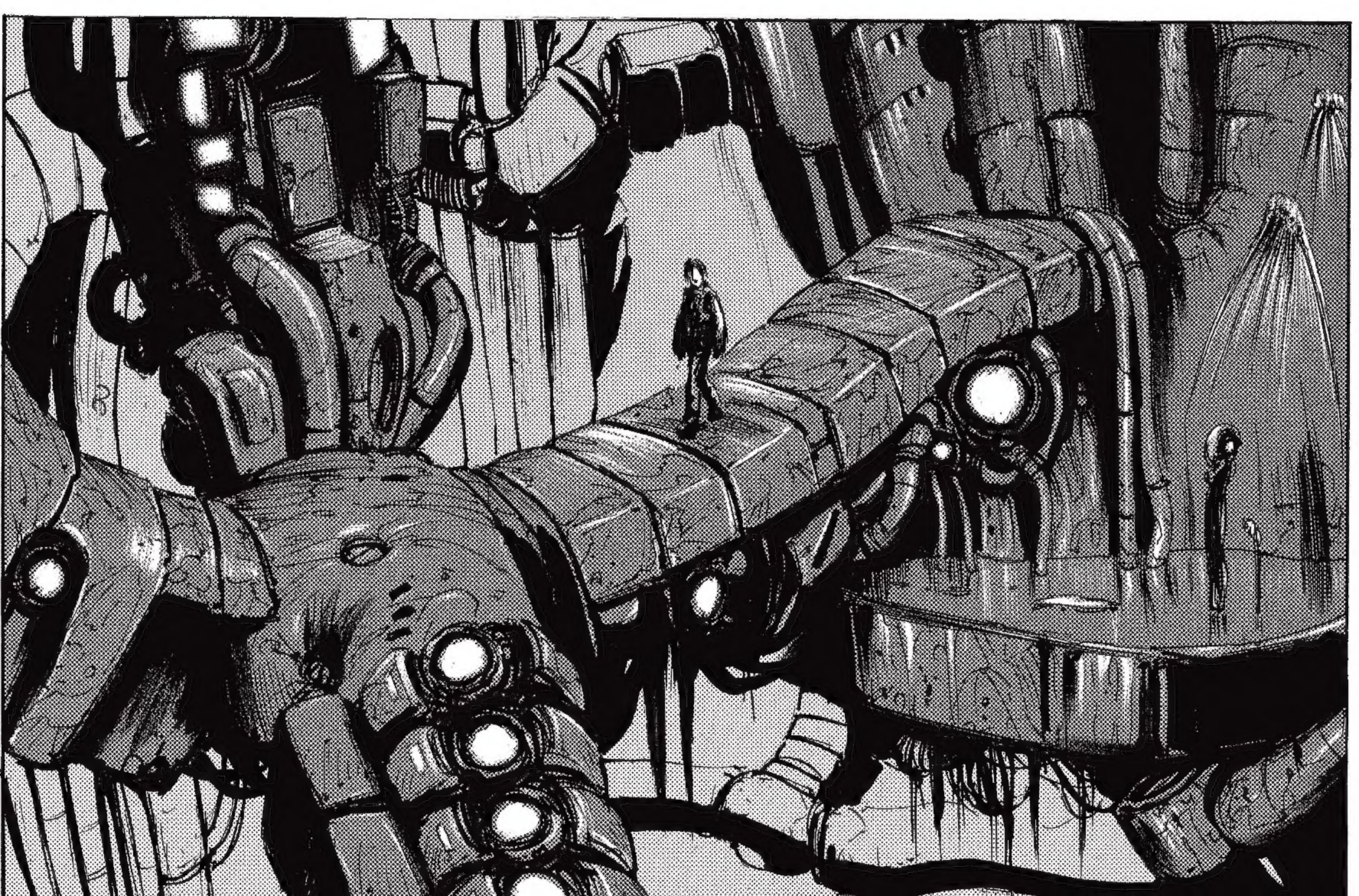
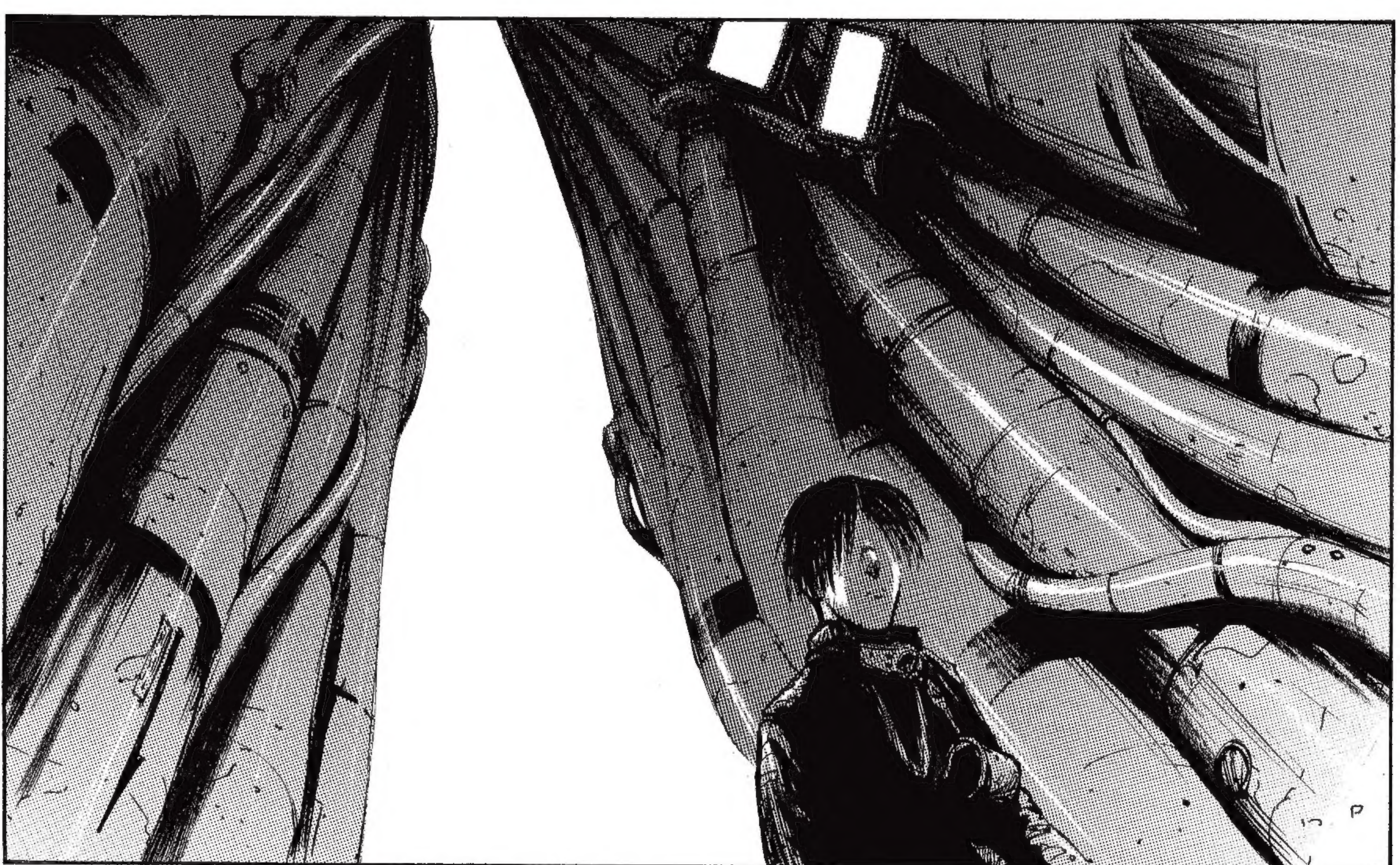
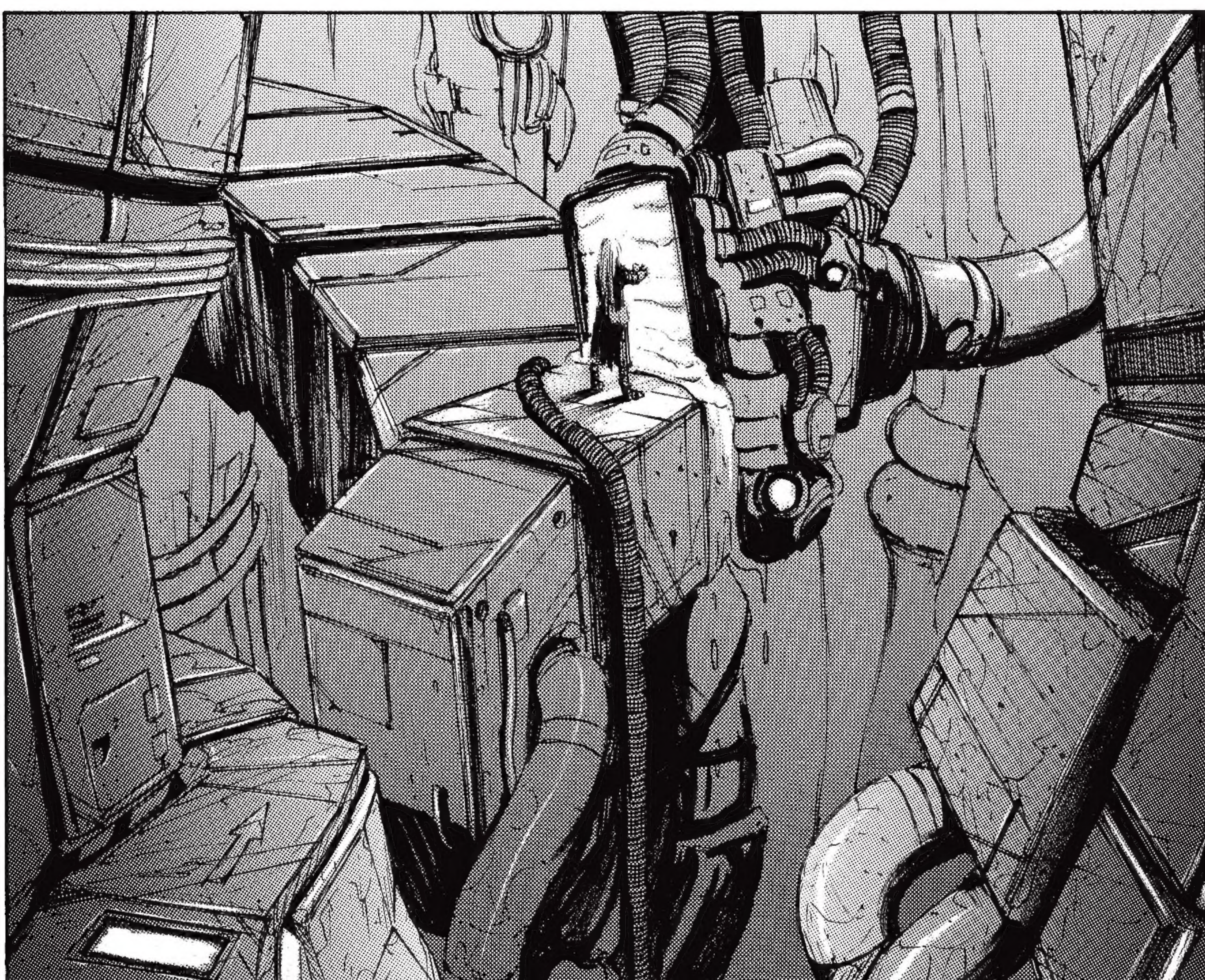
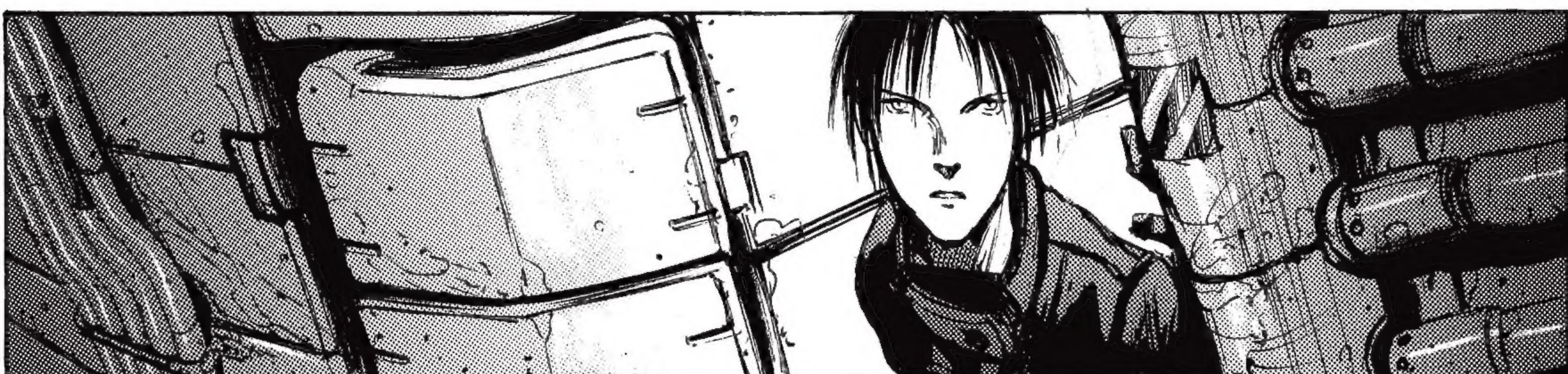
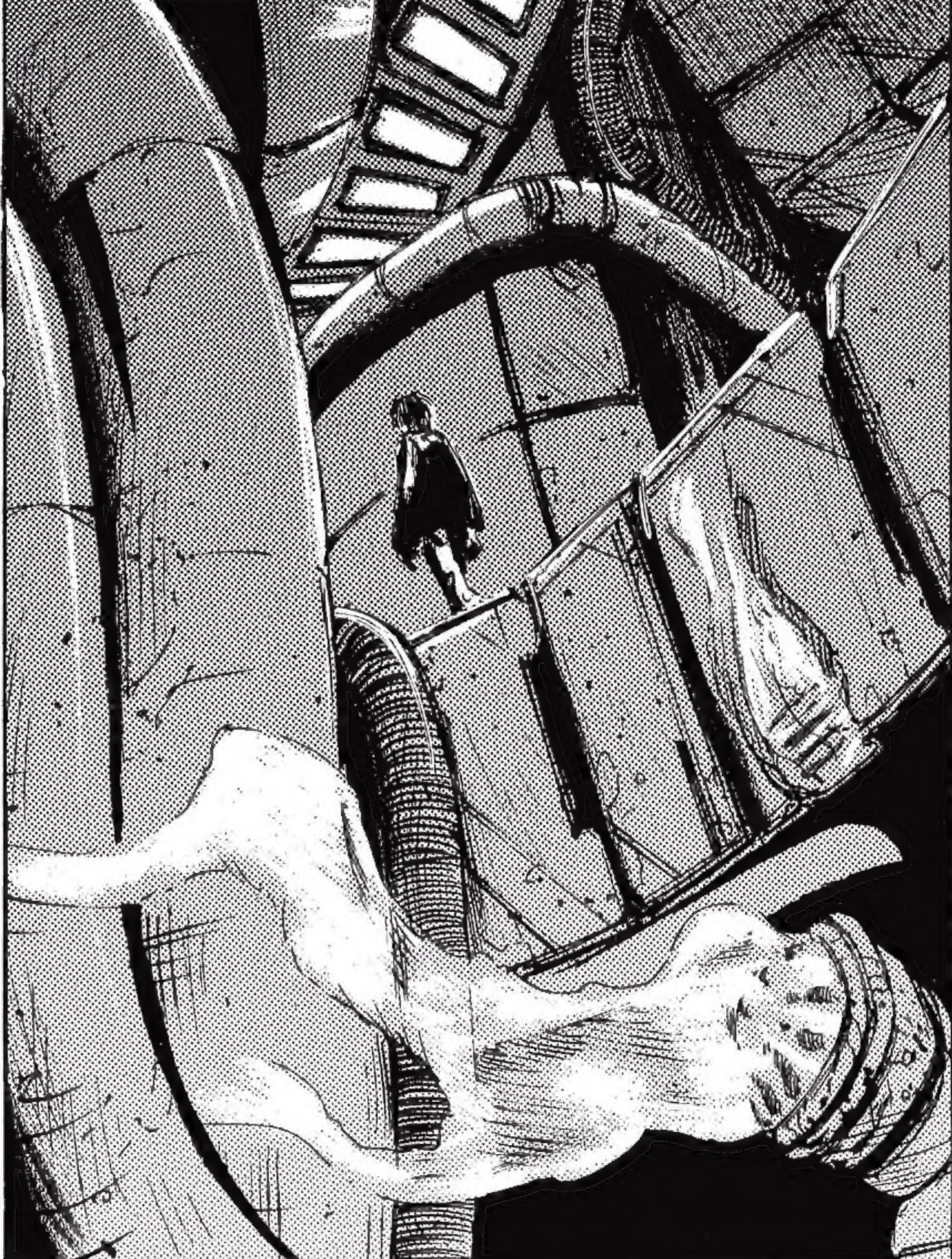


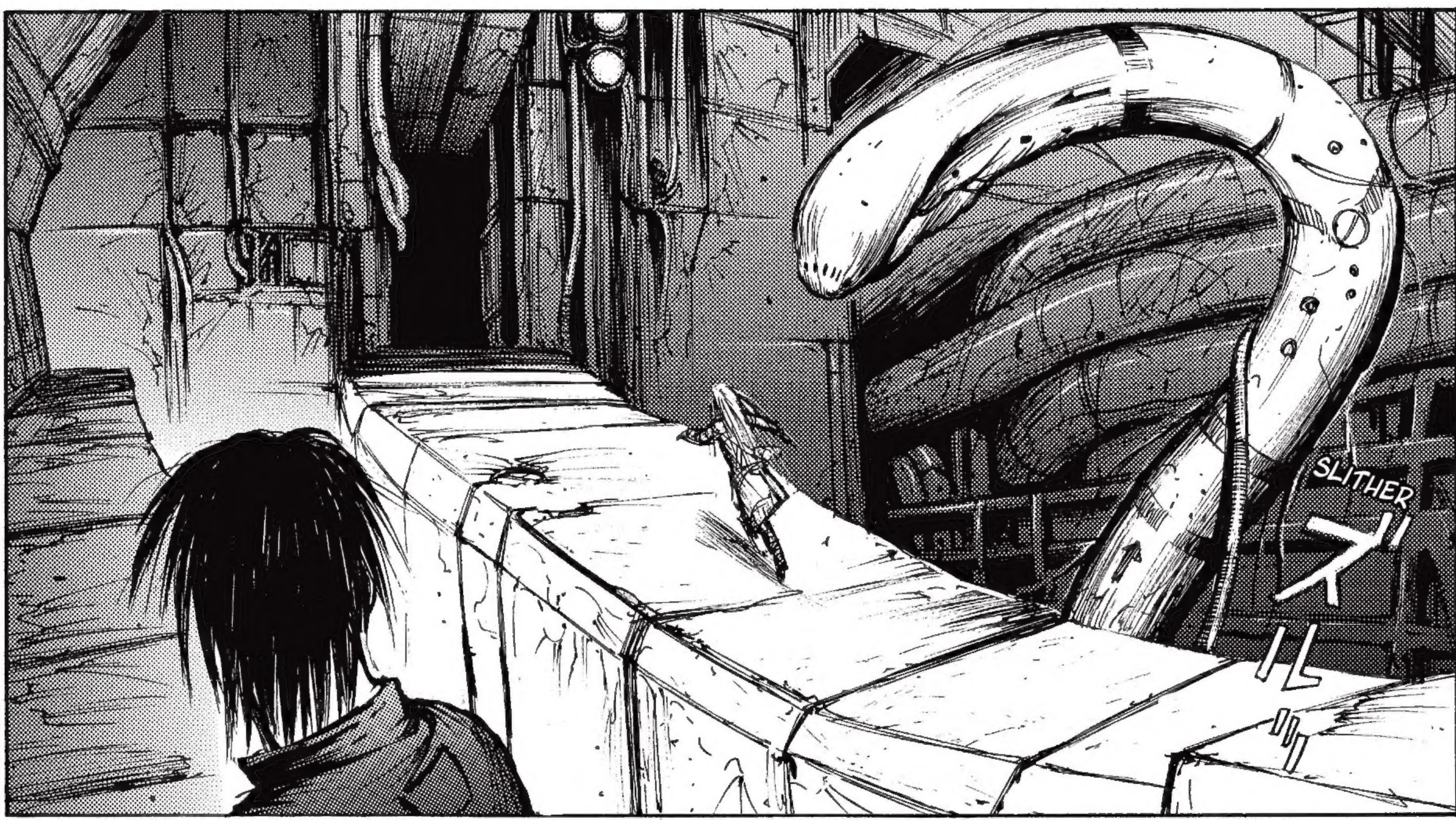
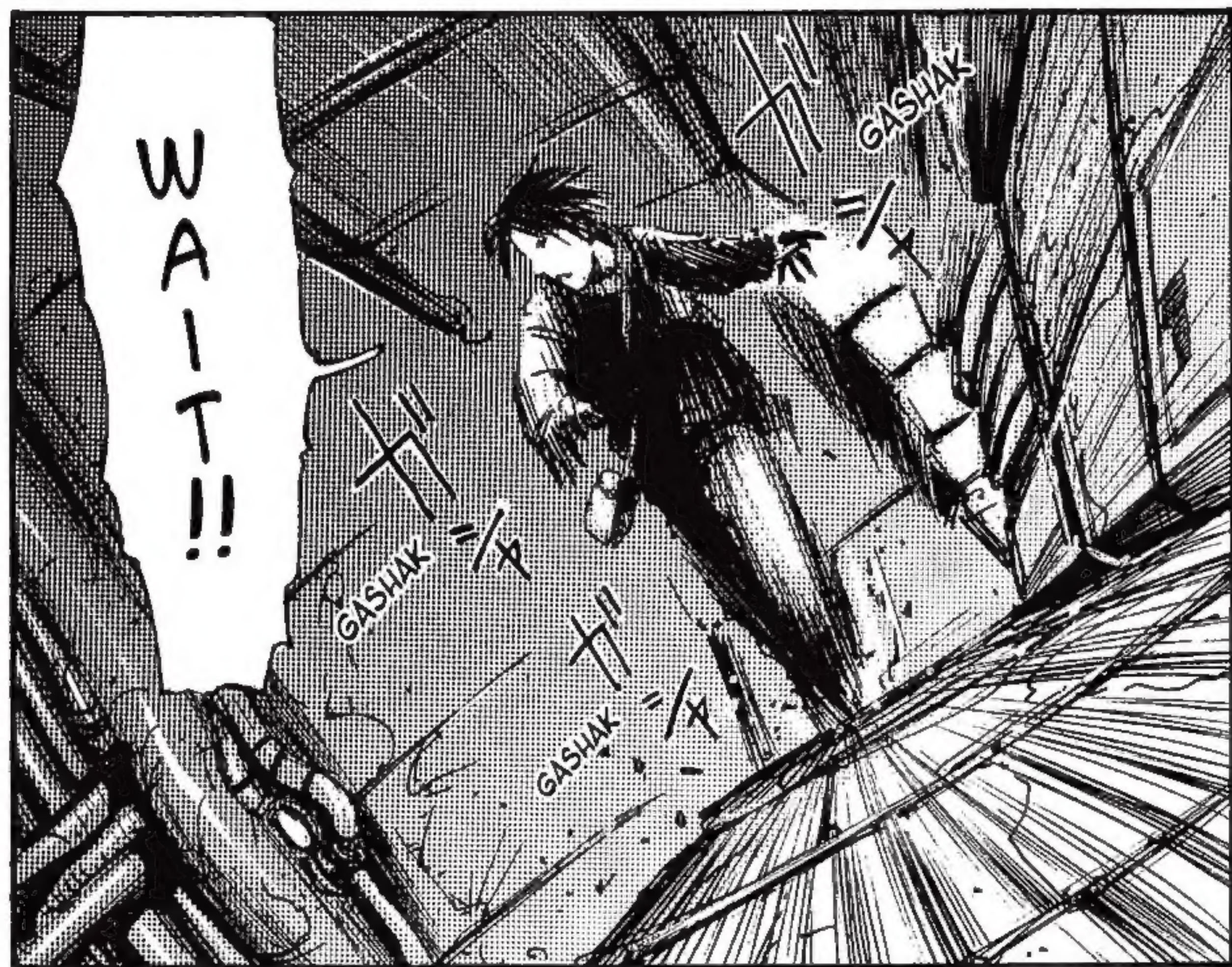
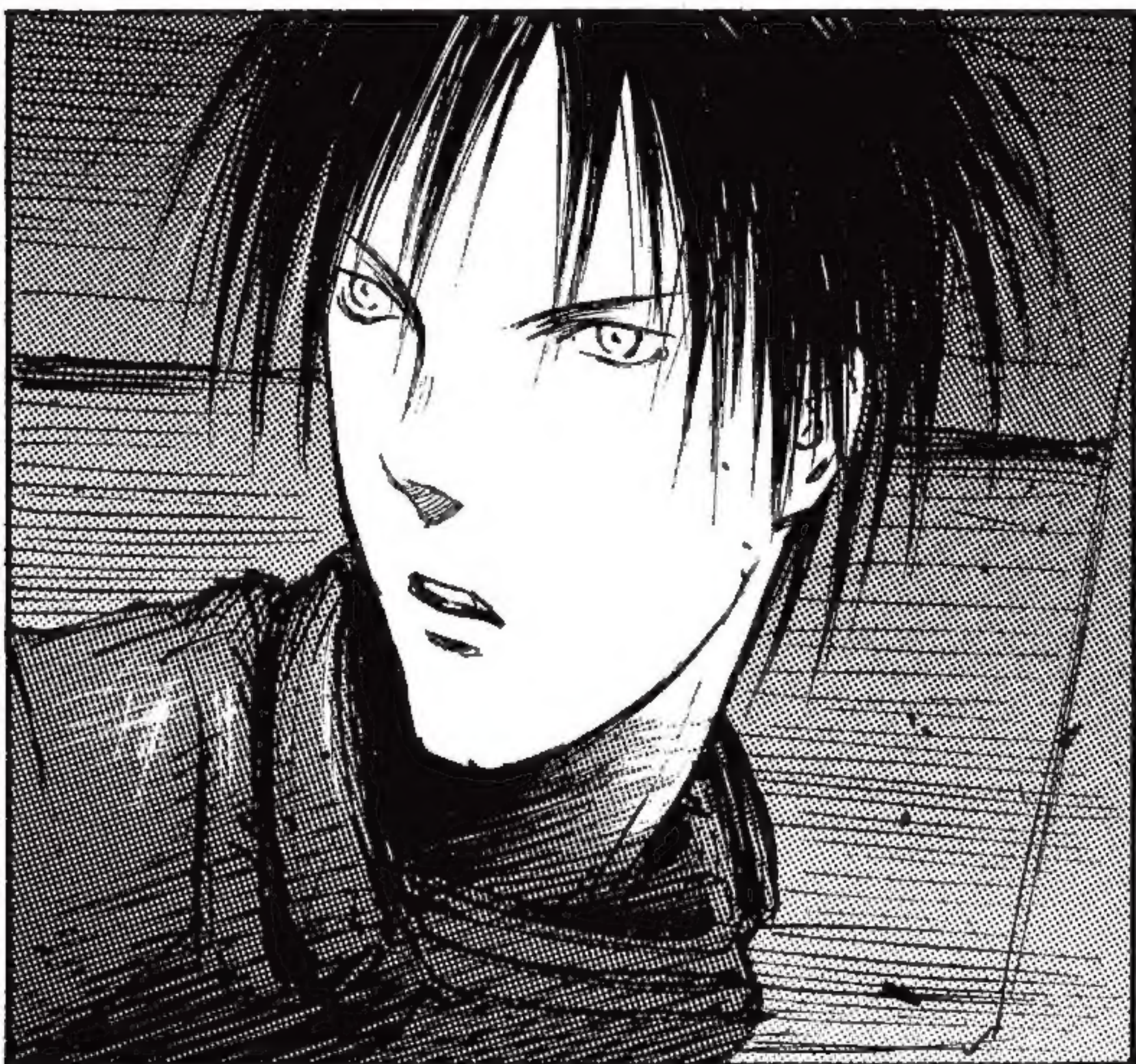
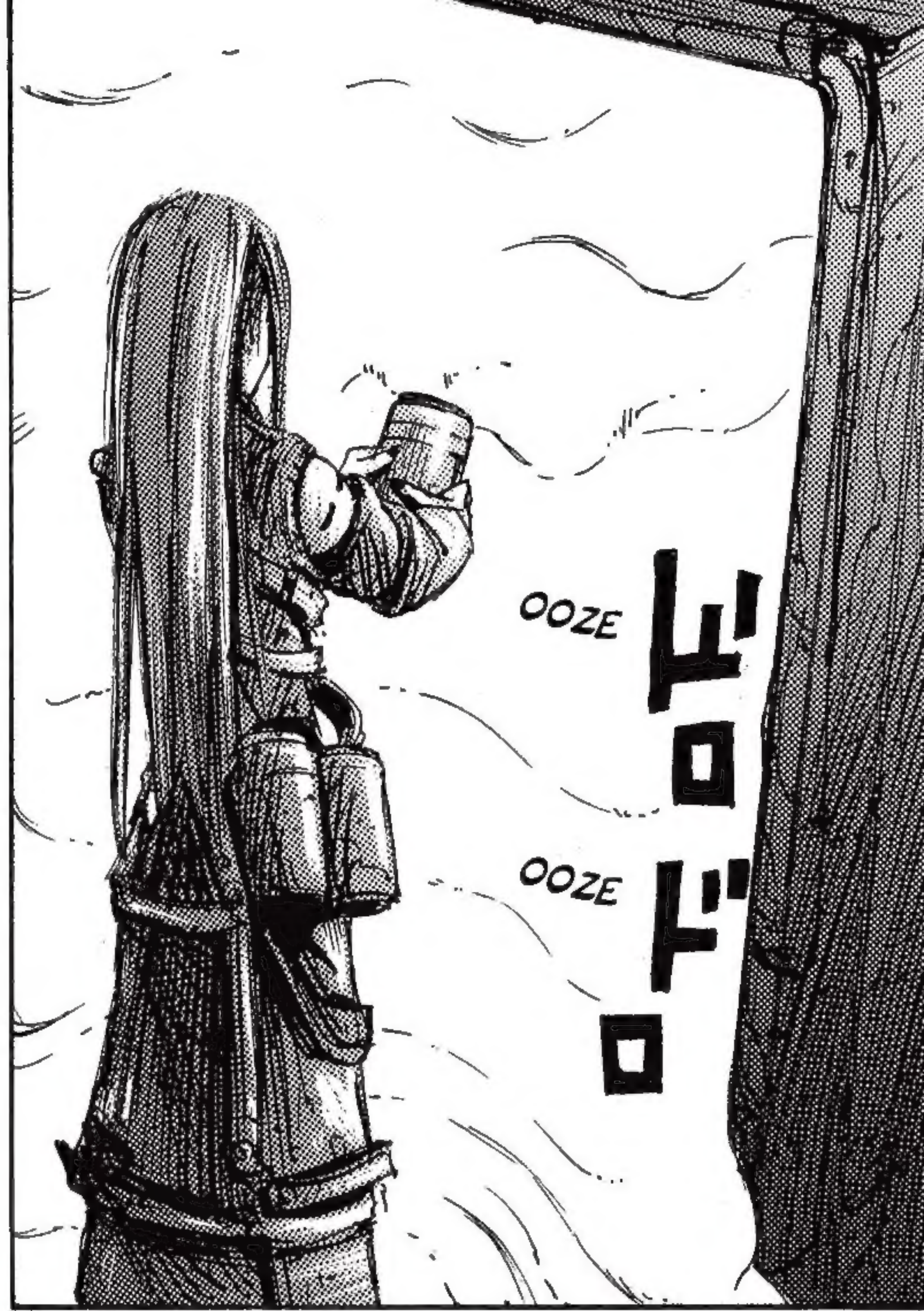


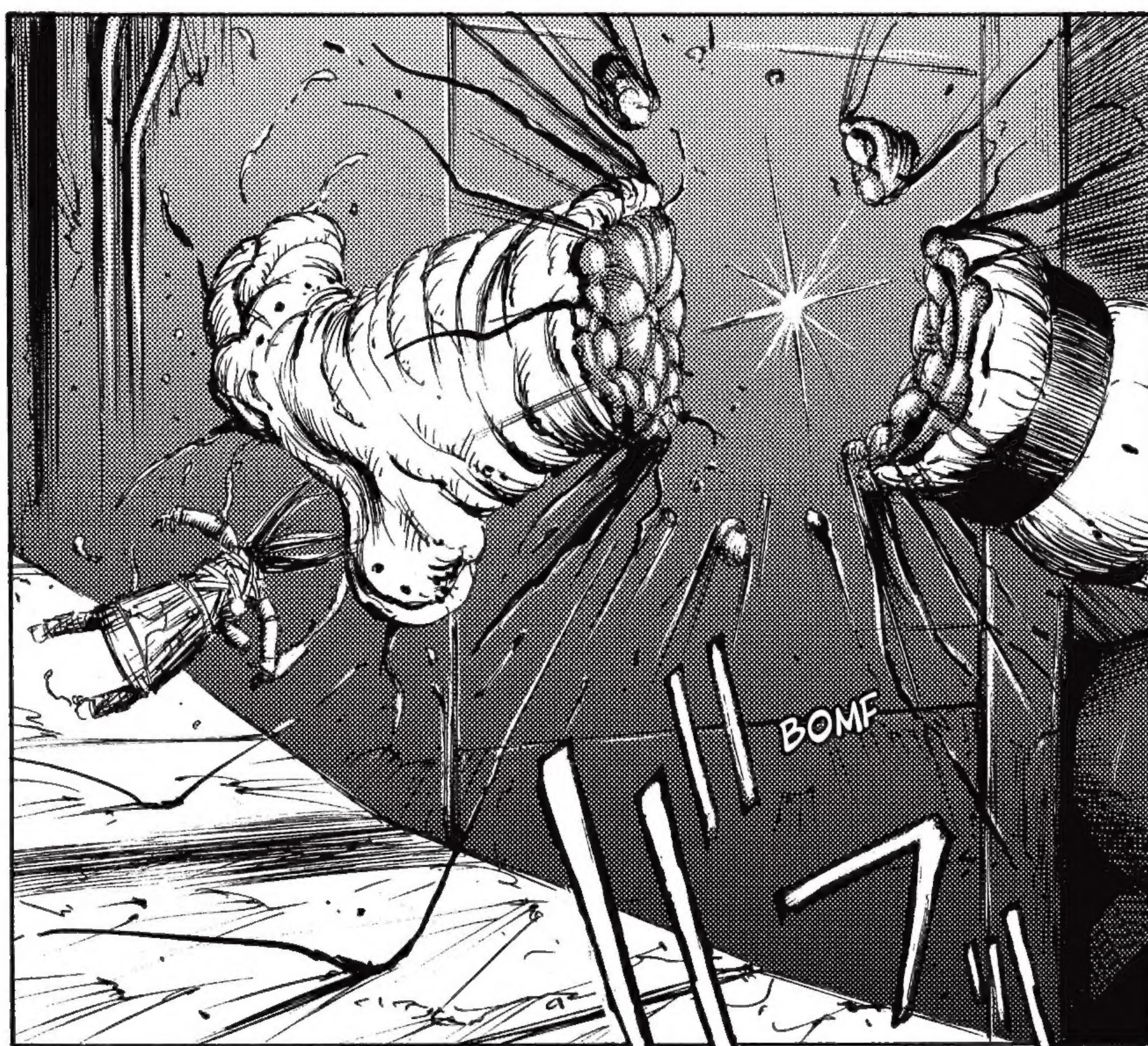
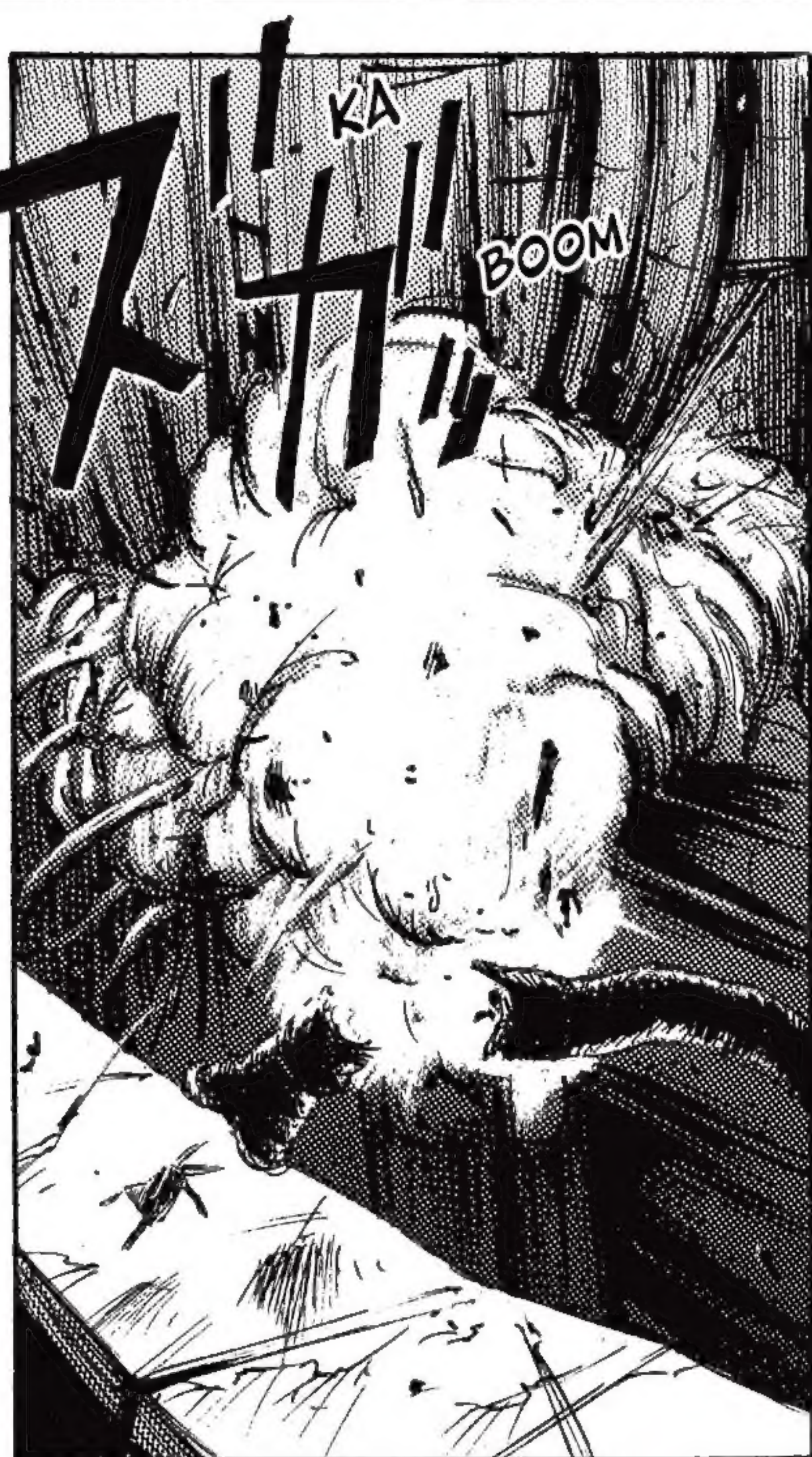
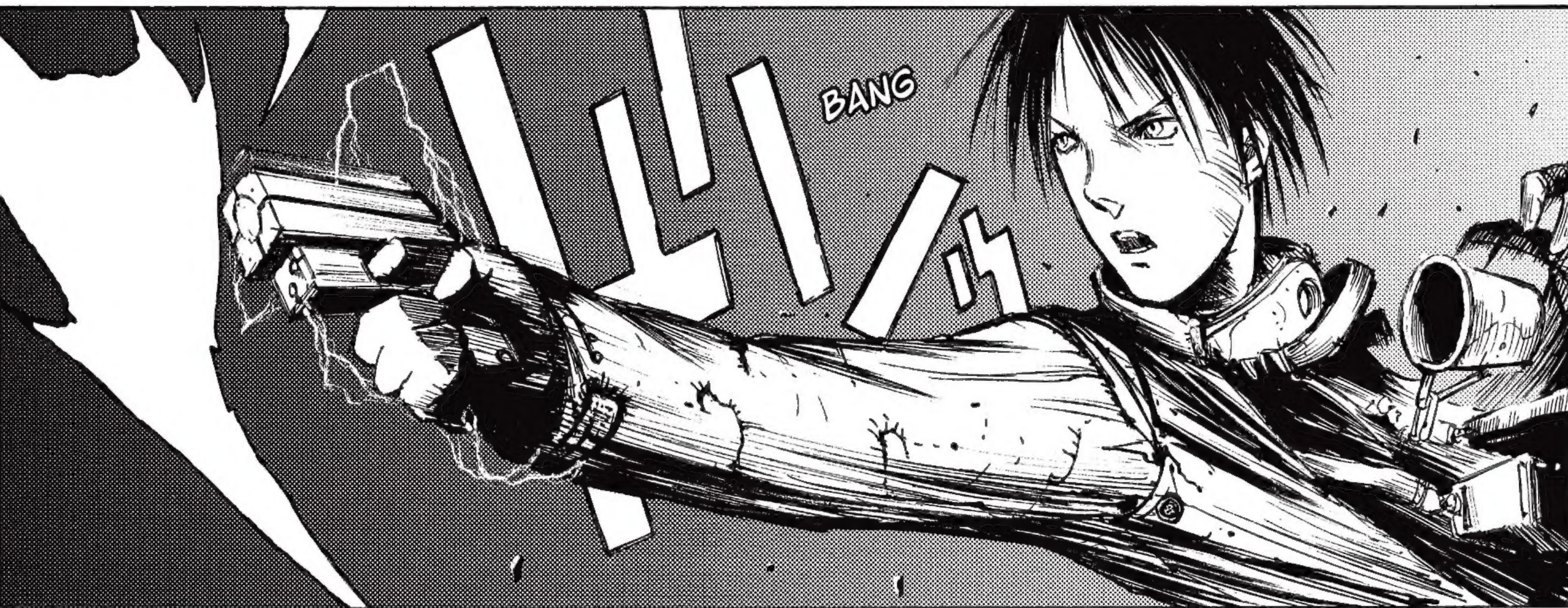
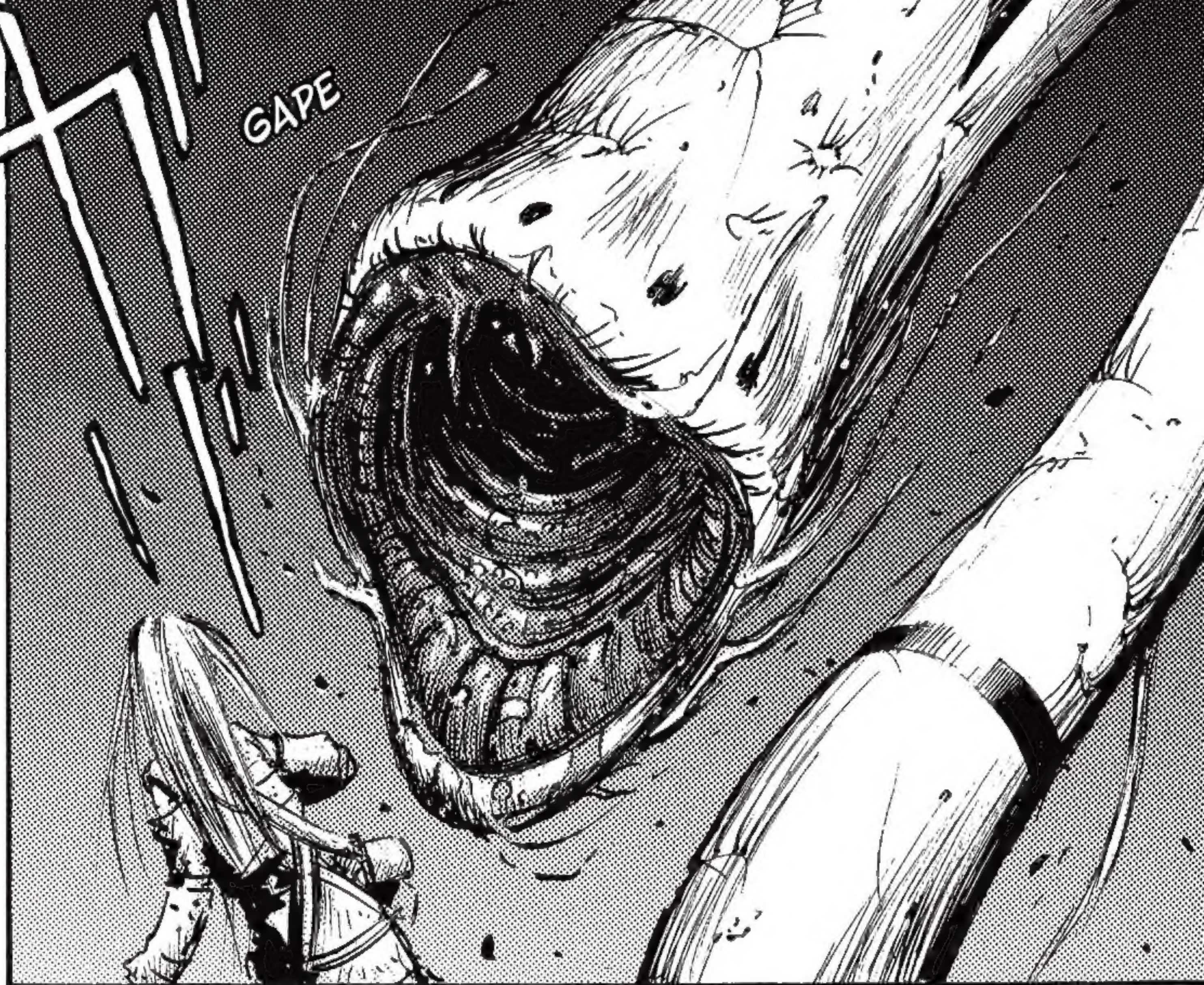
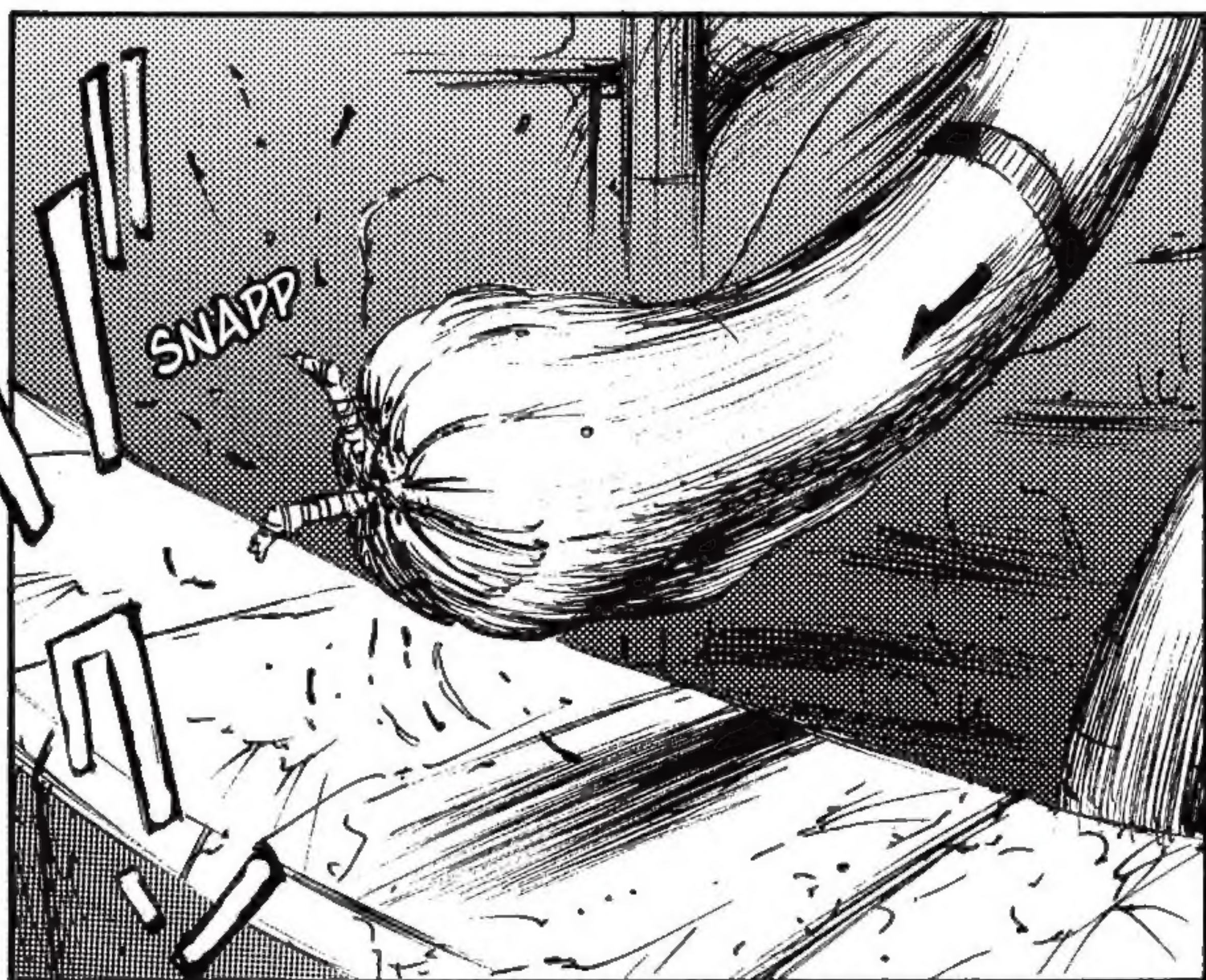


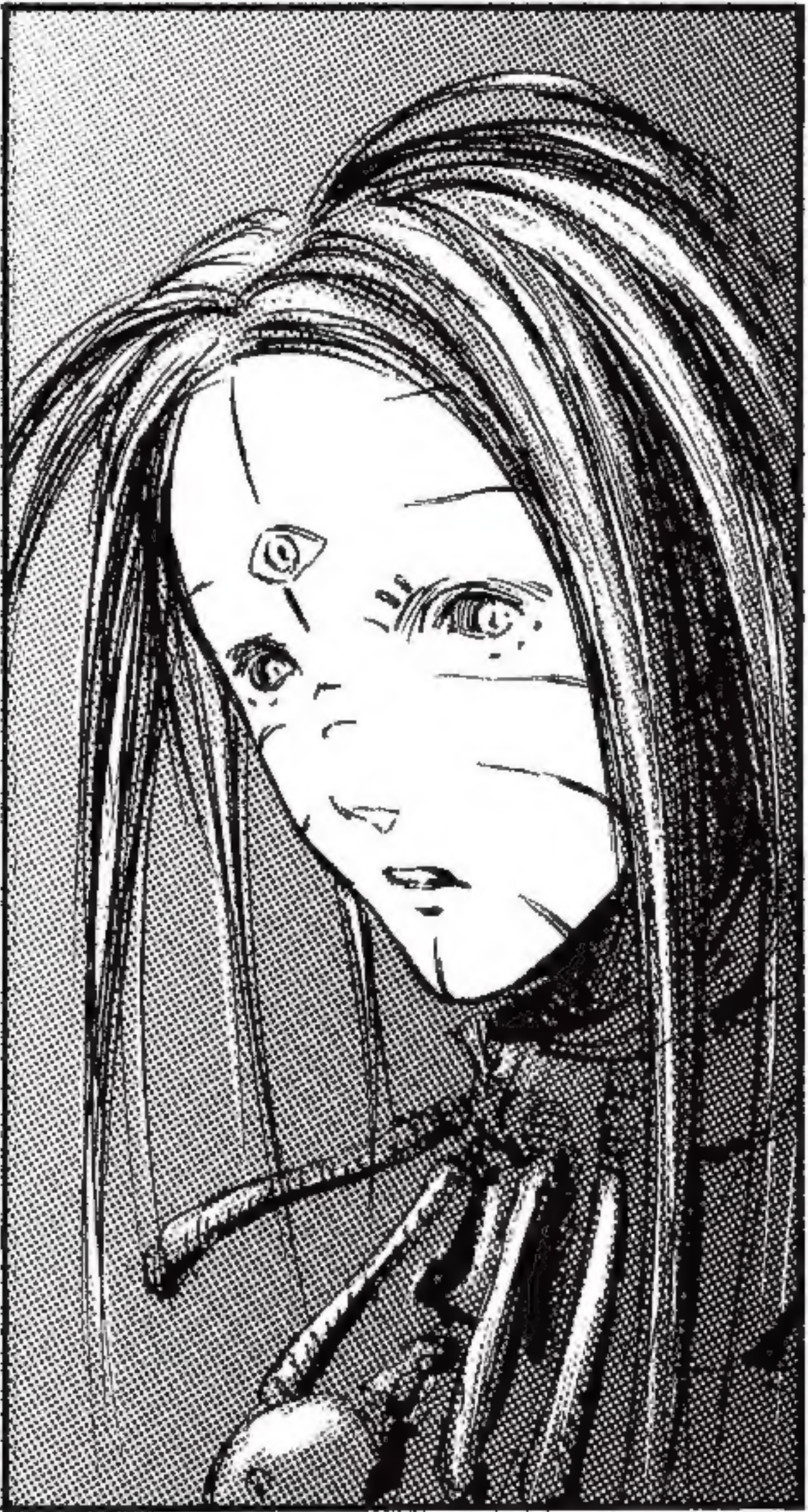
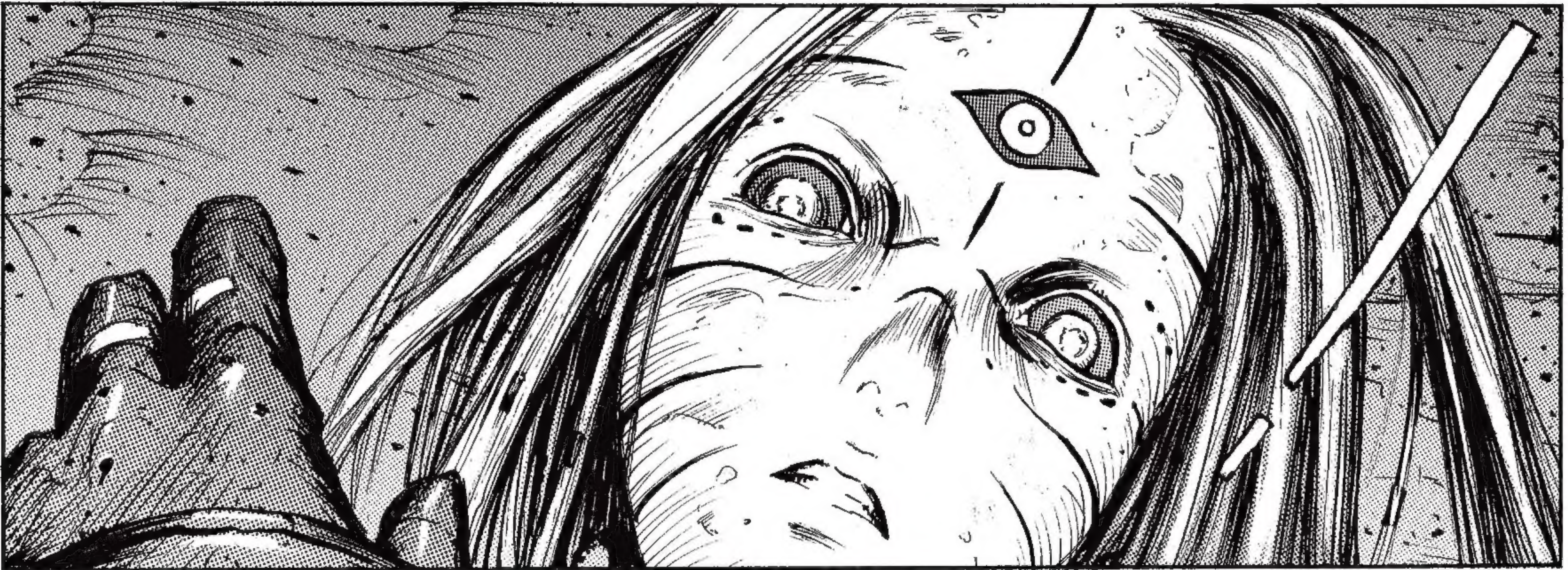
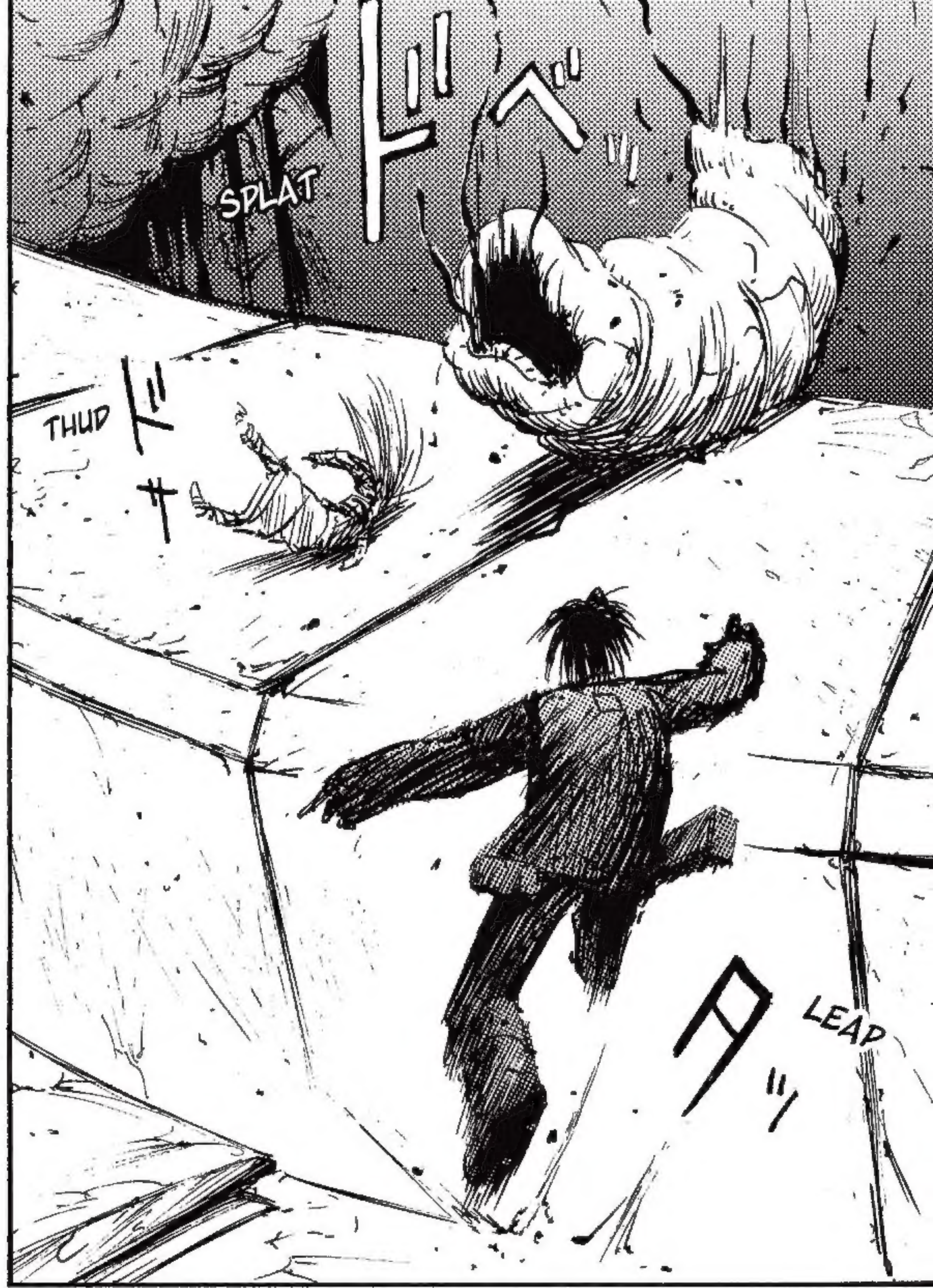
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THE CLUSTER

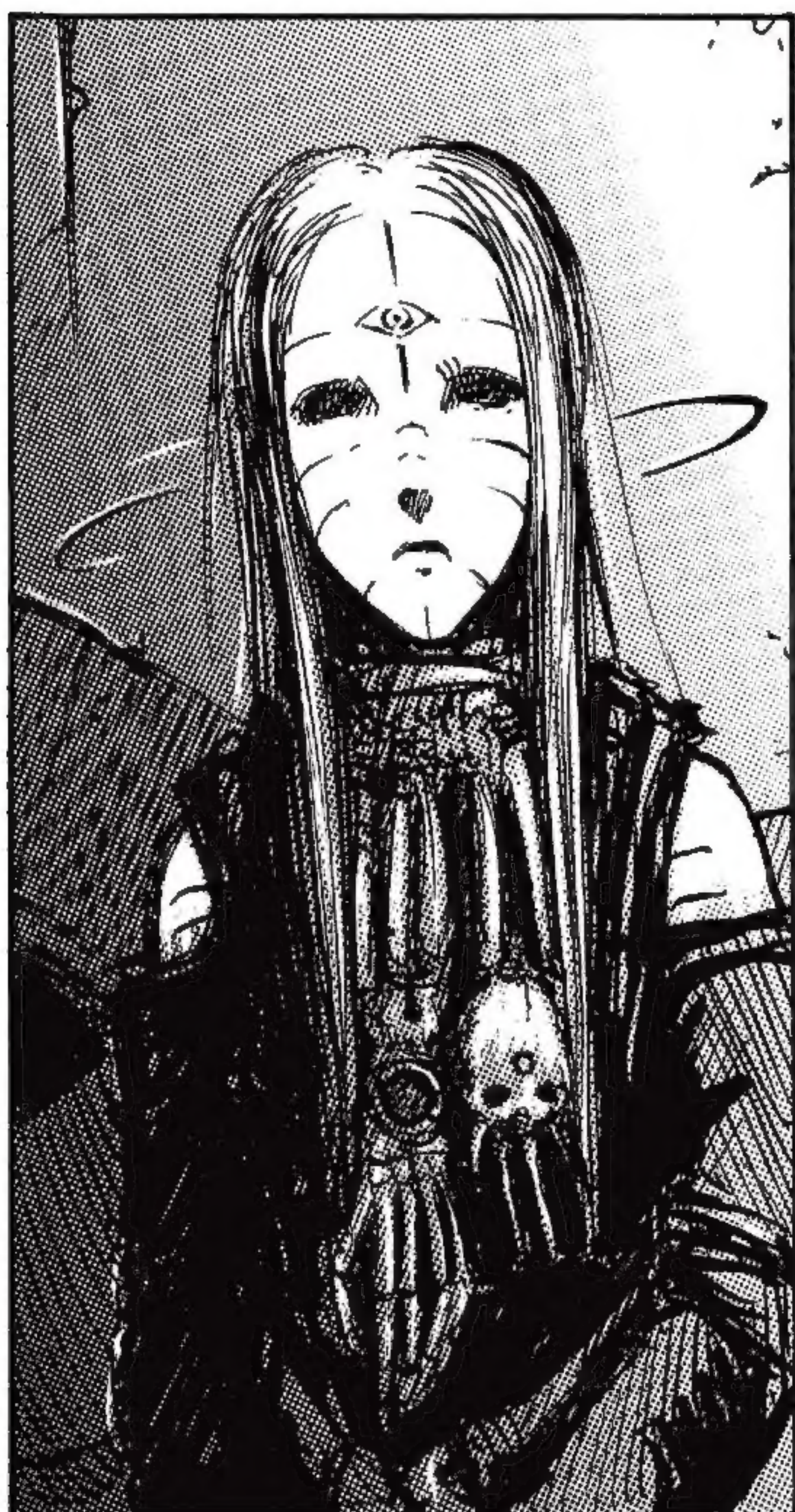




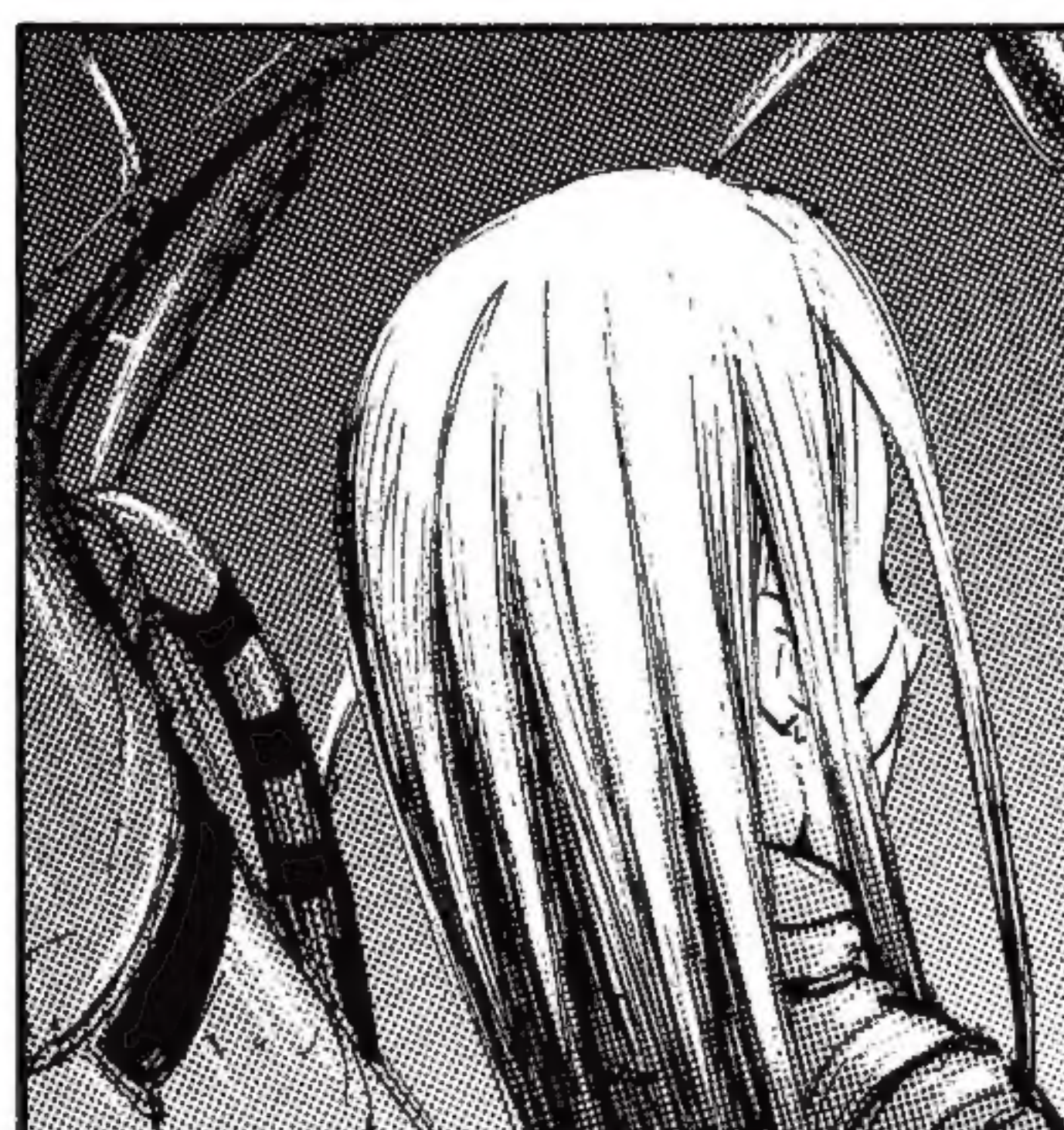




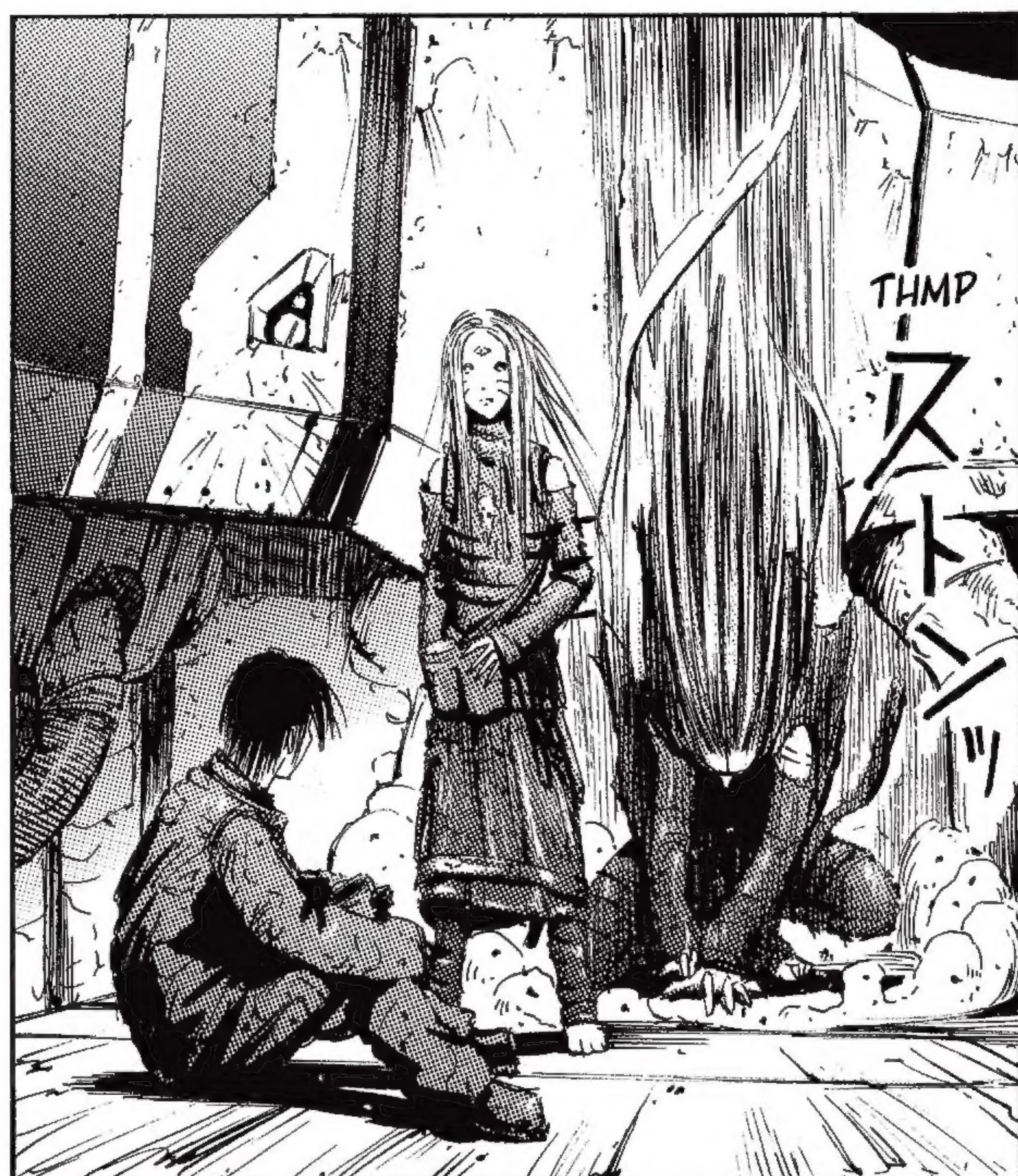
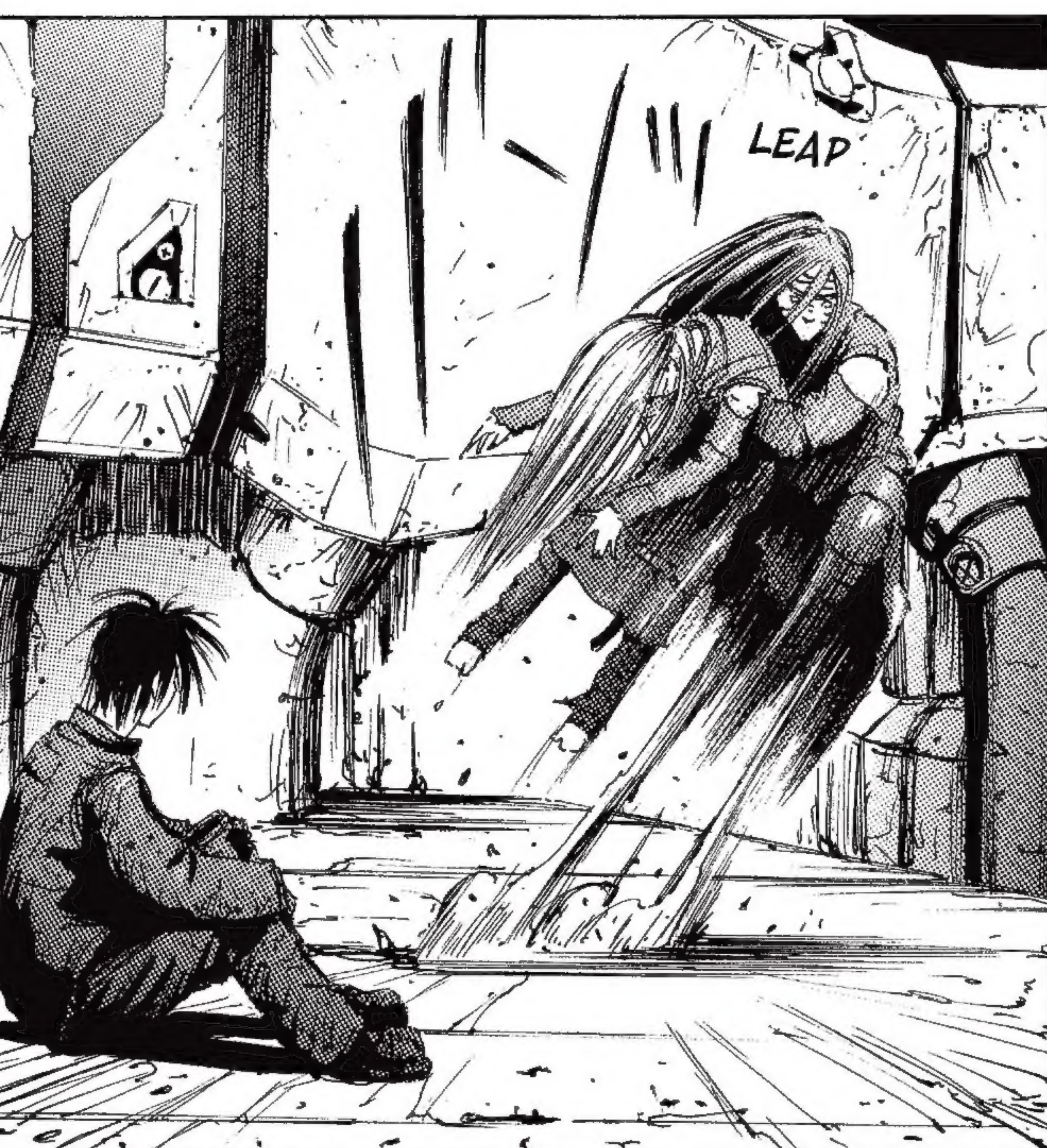


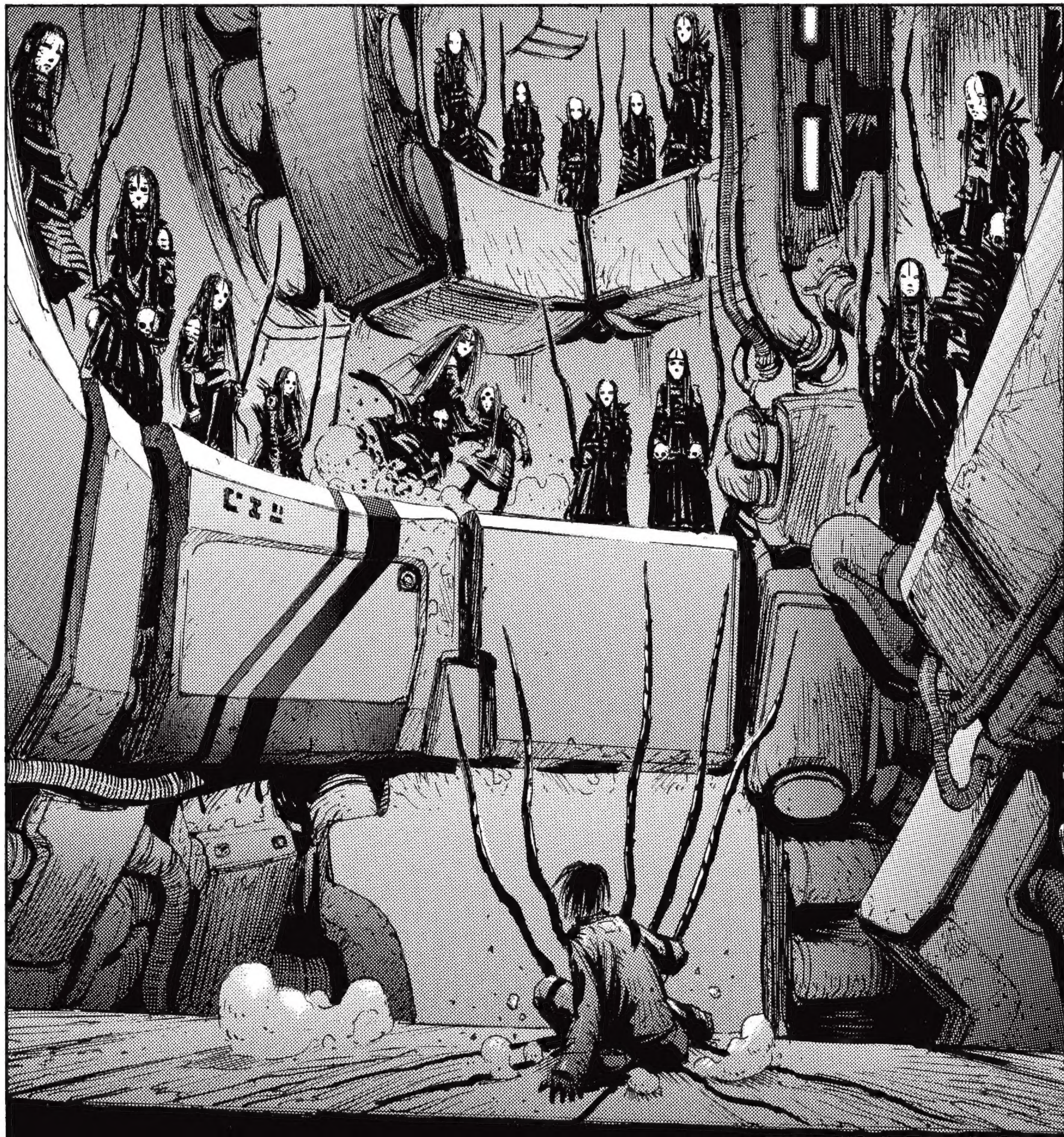


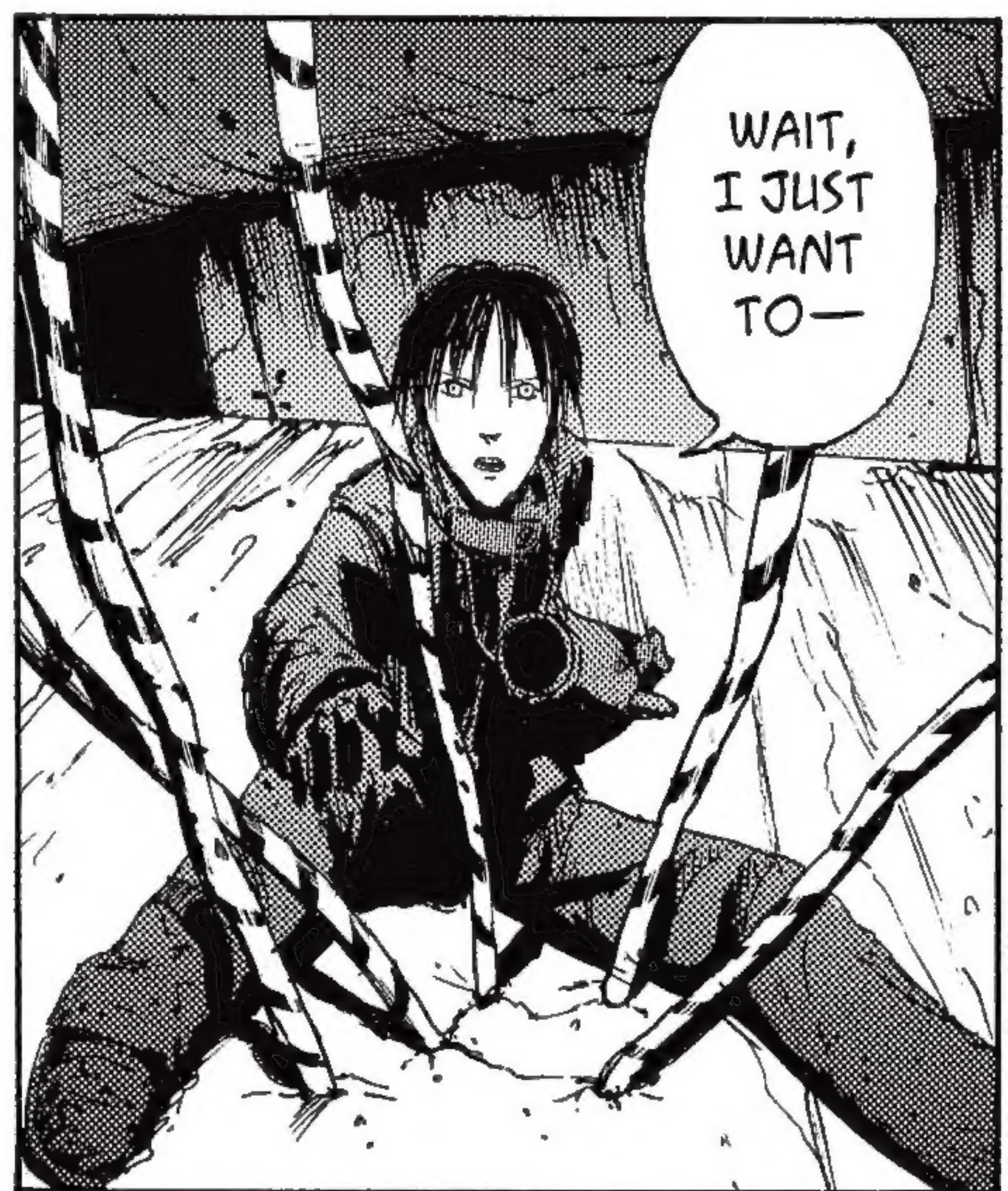
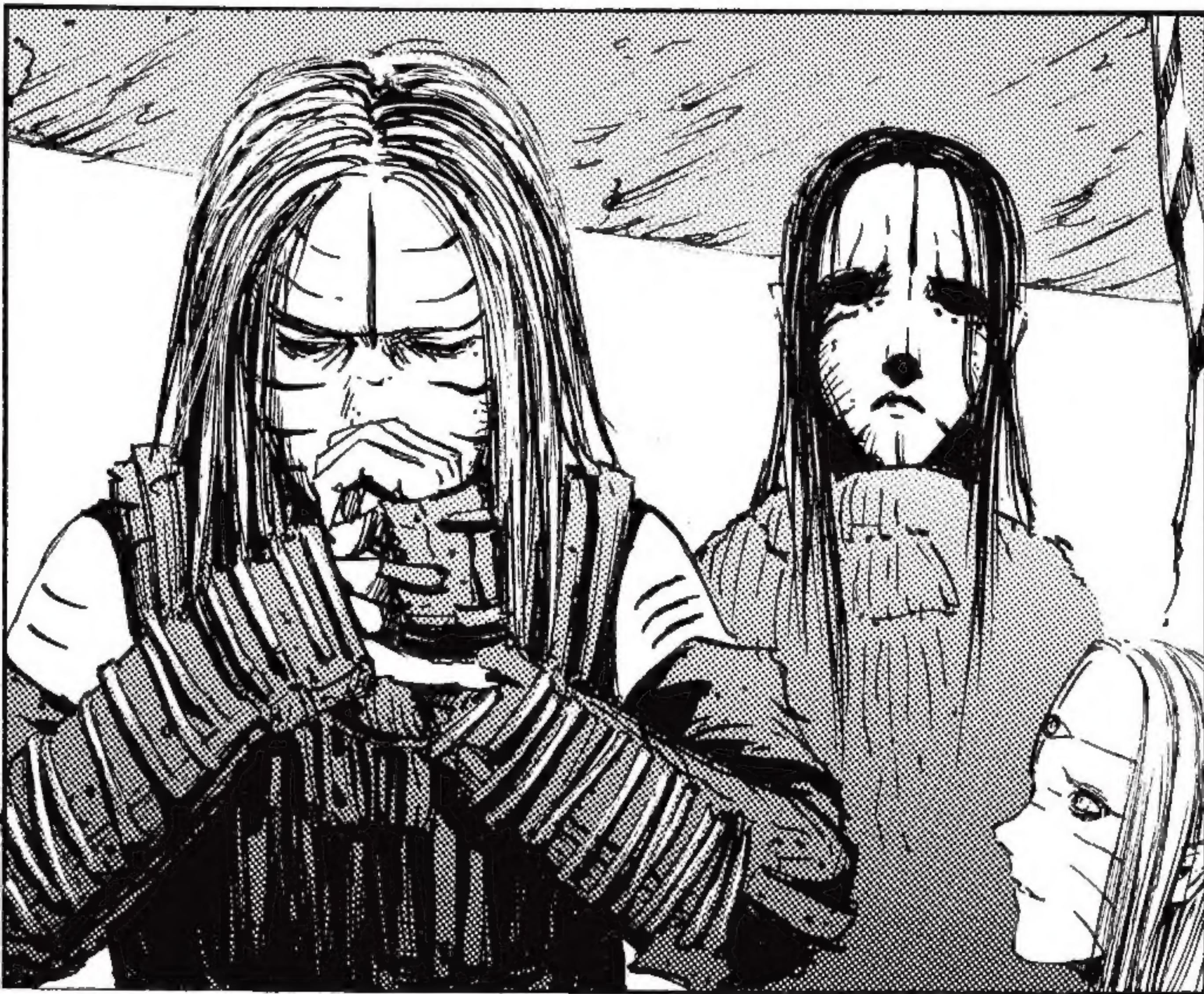
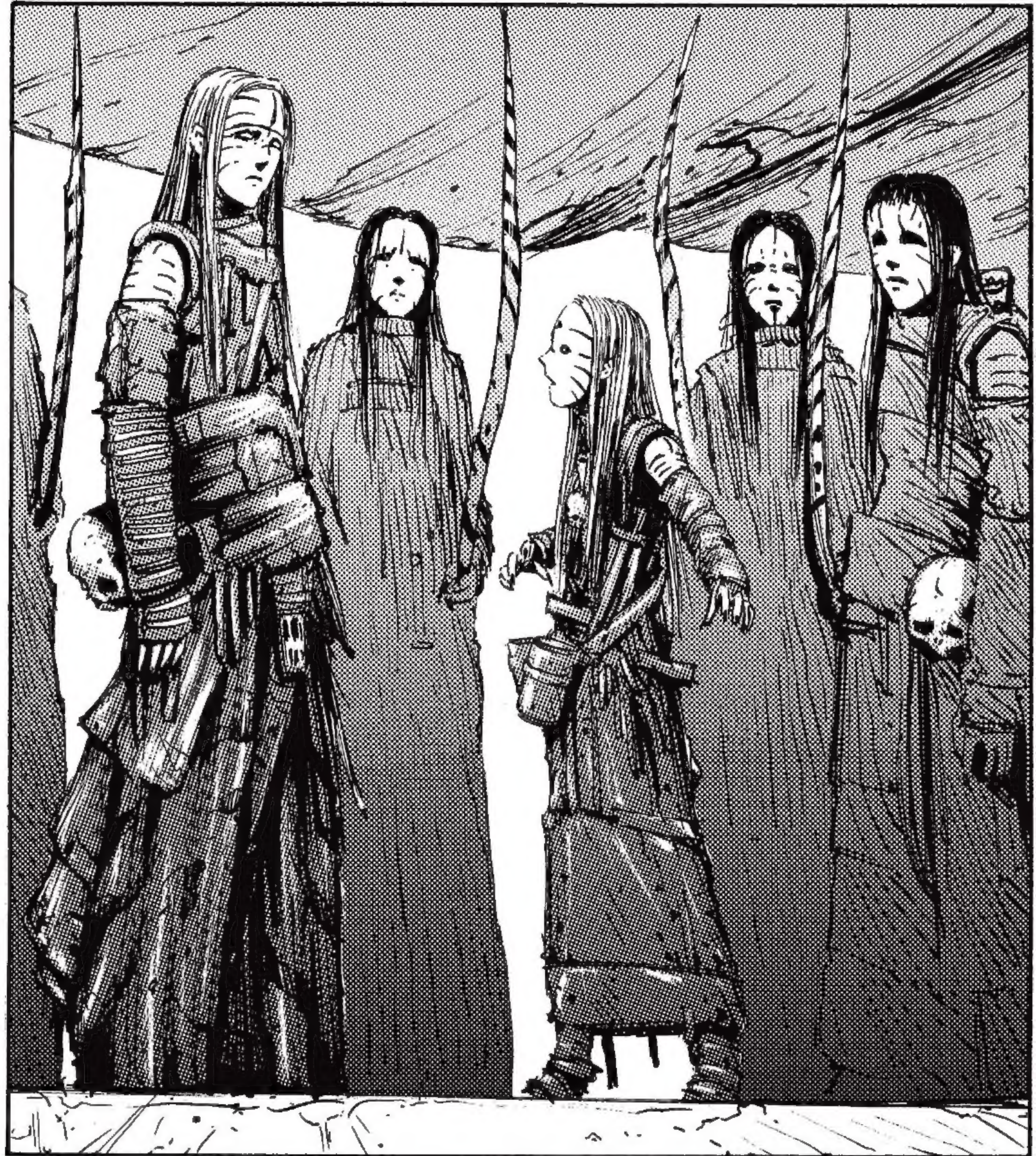
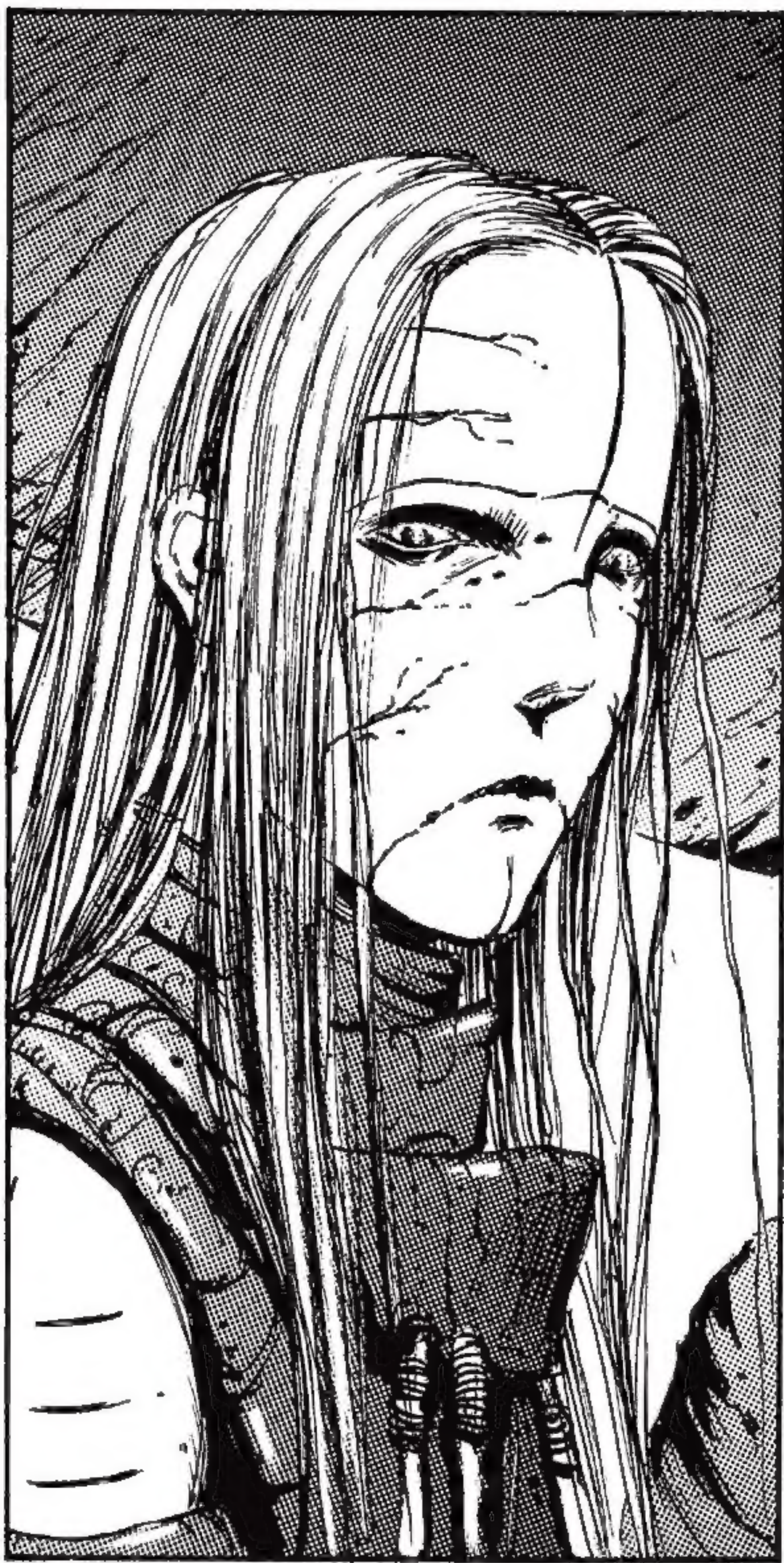
I WANT
TO ASK YOU
SOMETHING
...

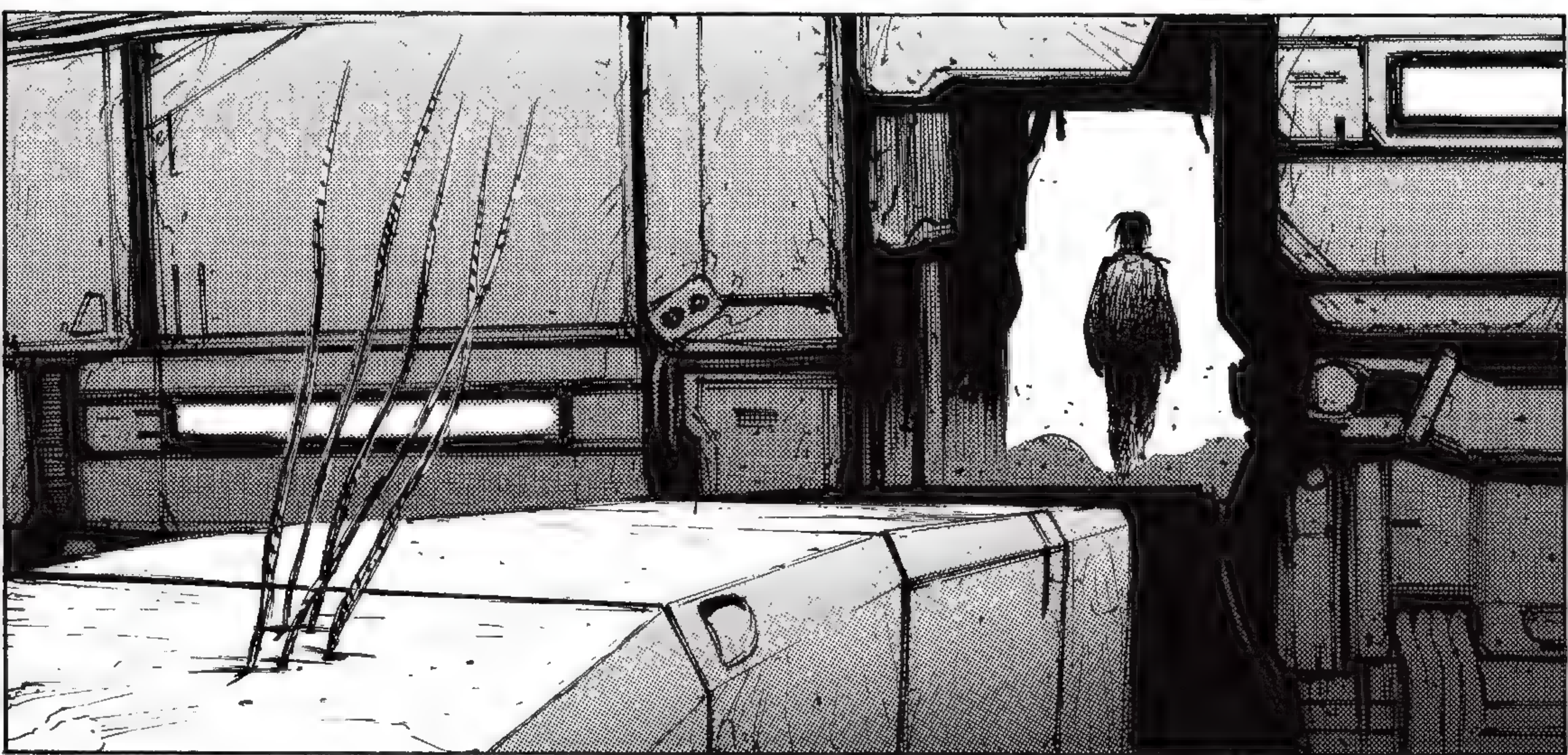
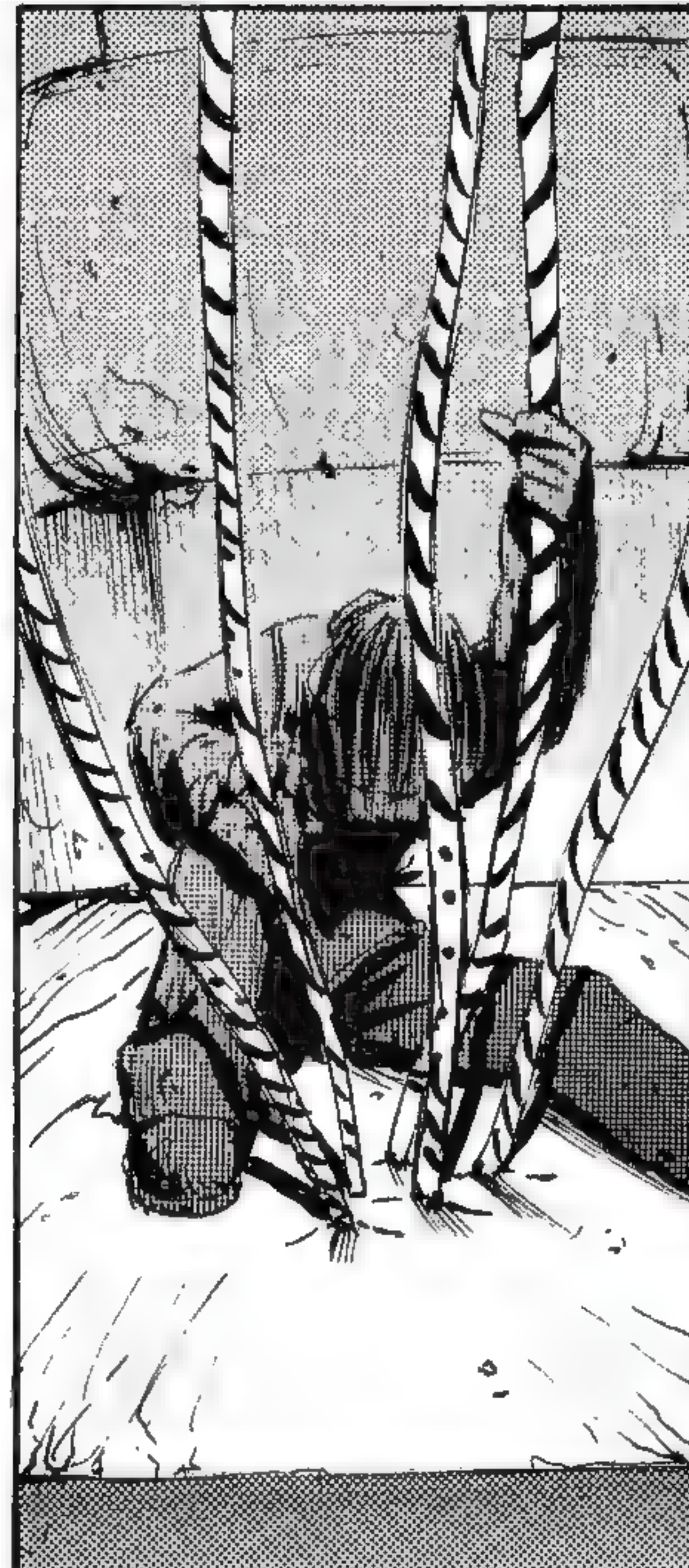


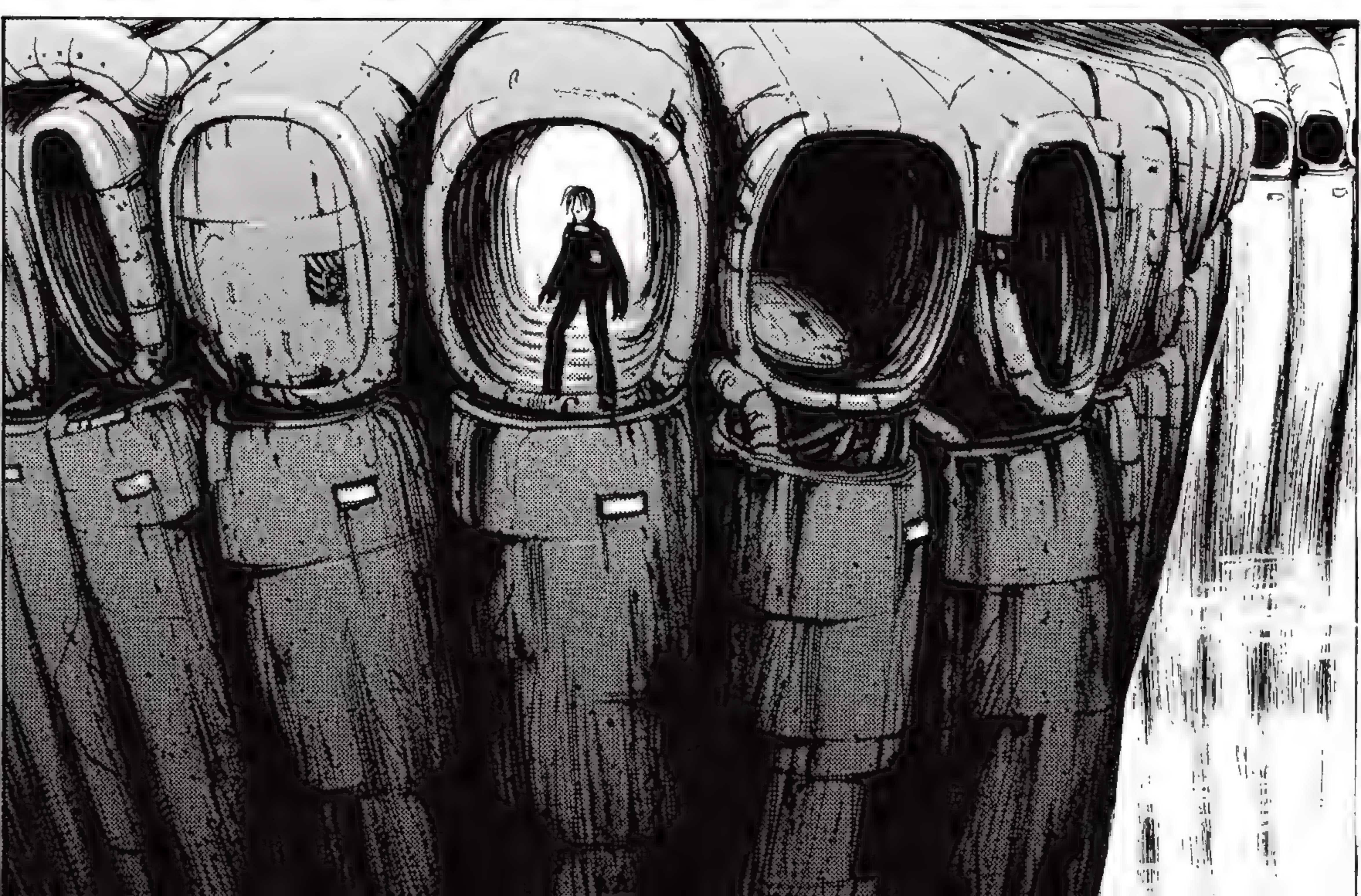
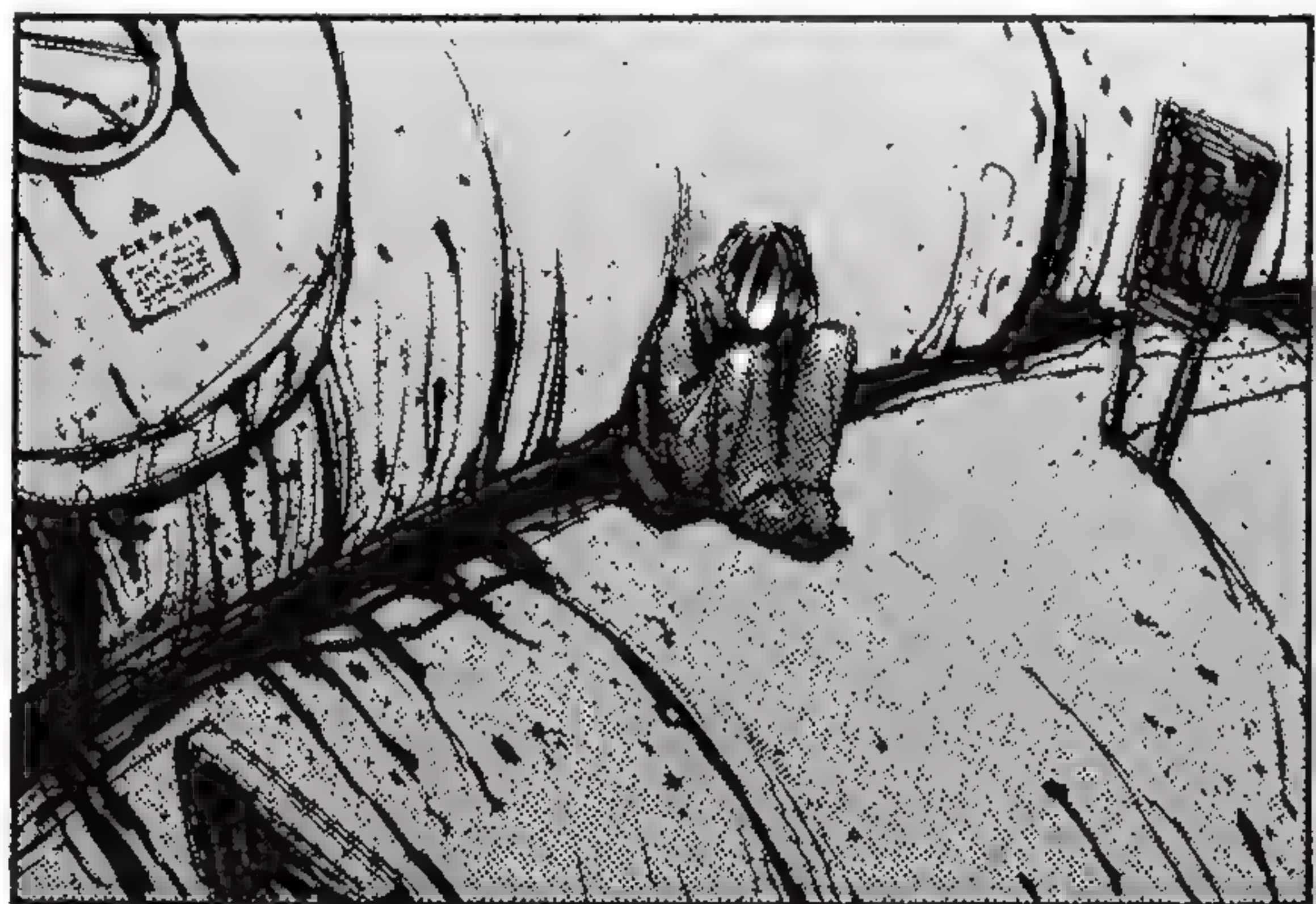
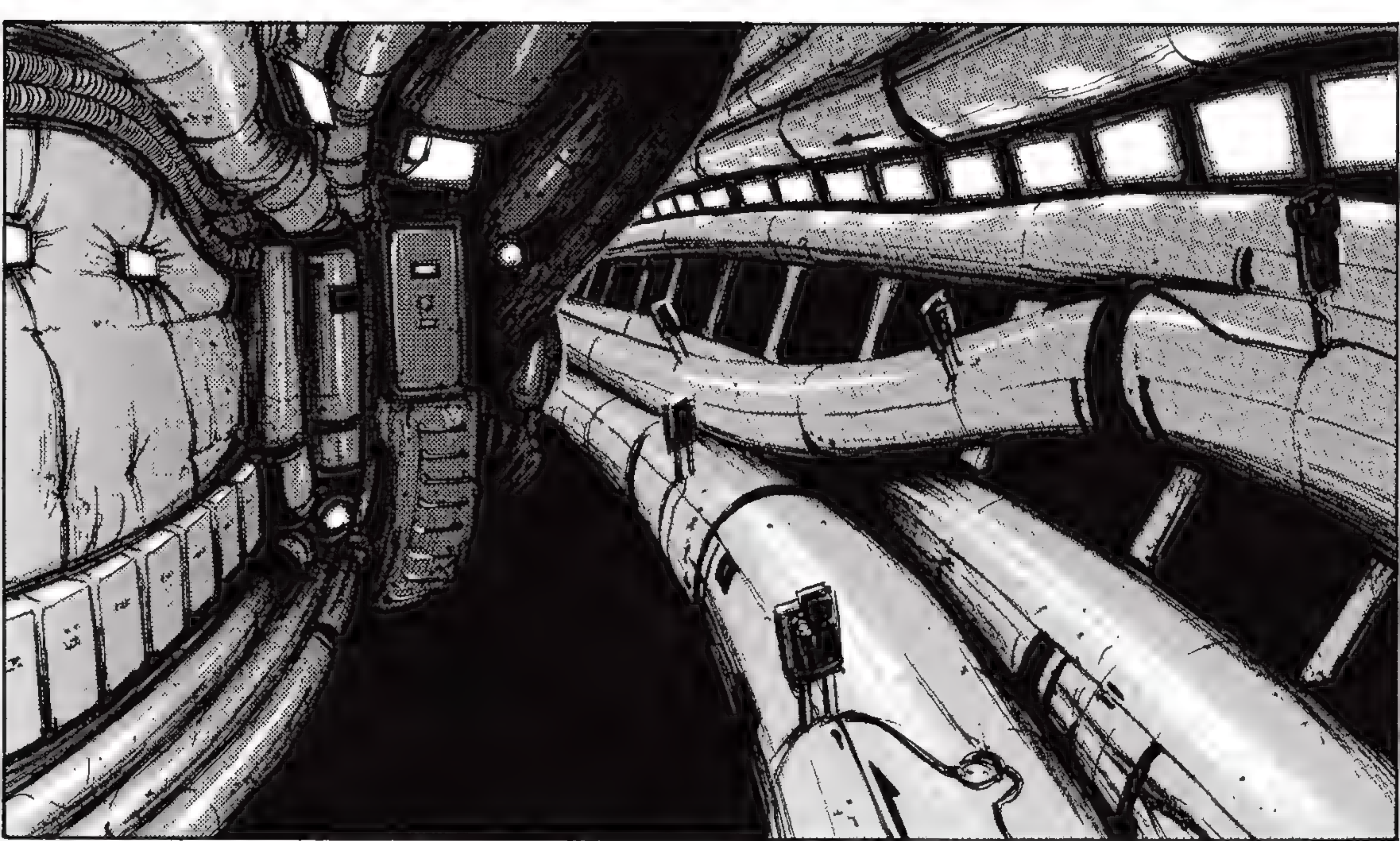
YOU
CAN'T
UNDER-
STAND
ME?

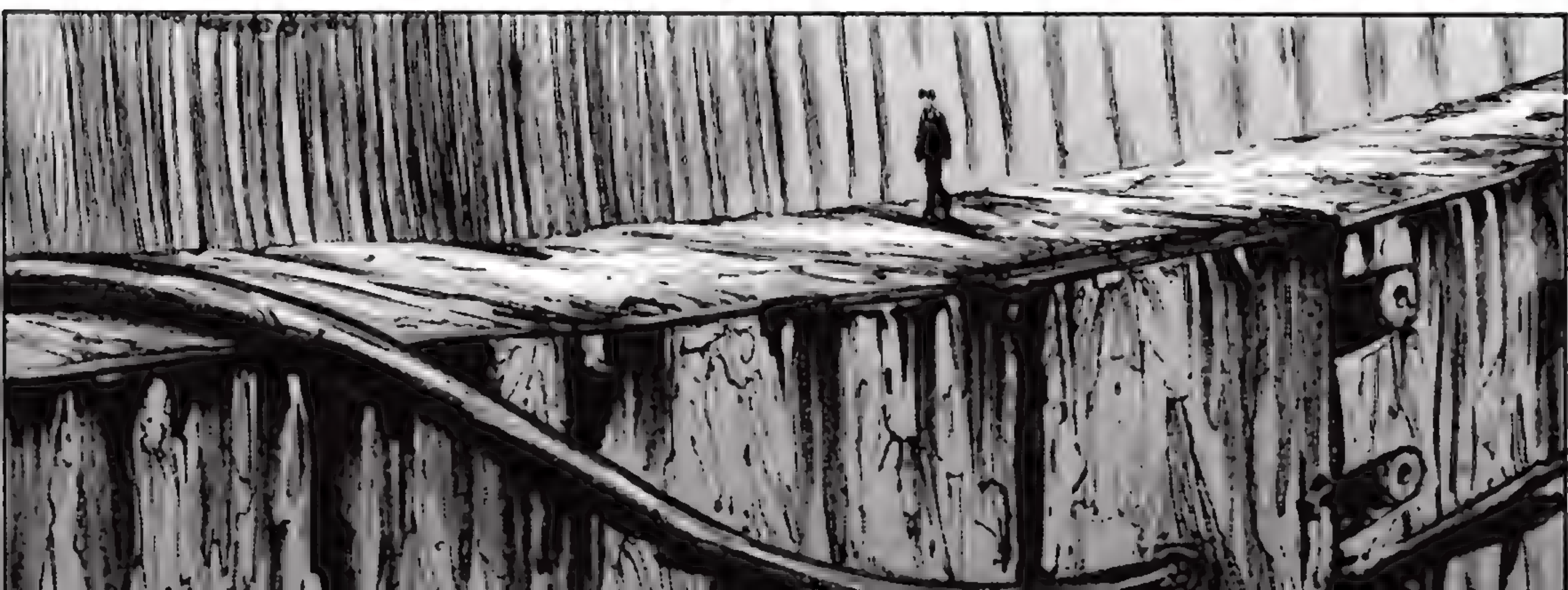


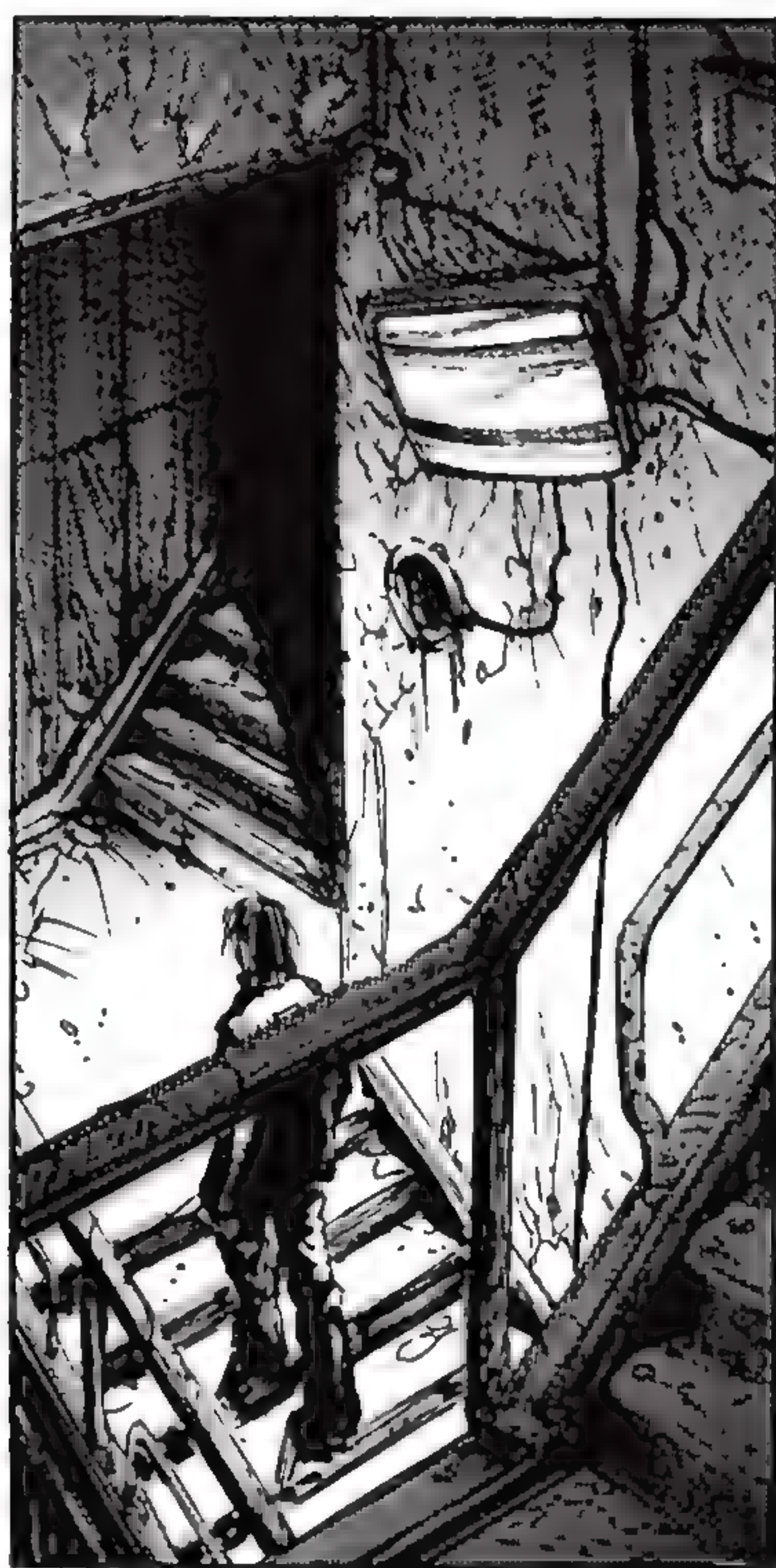
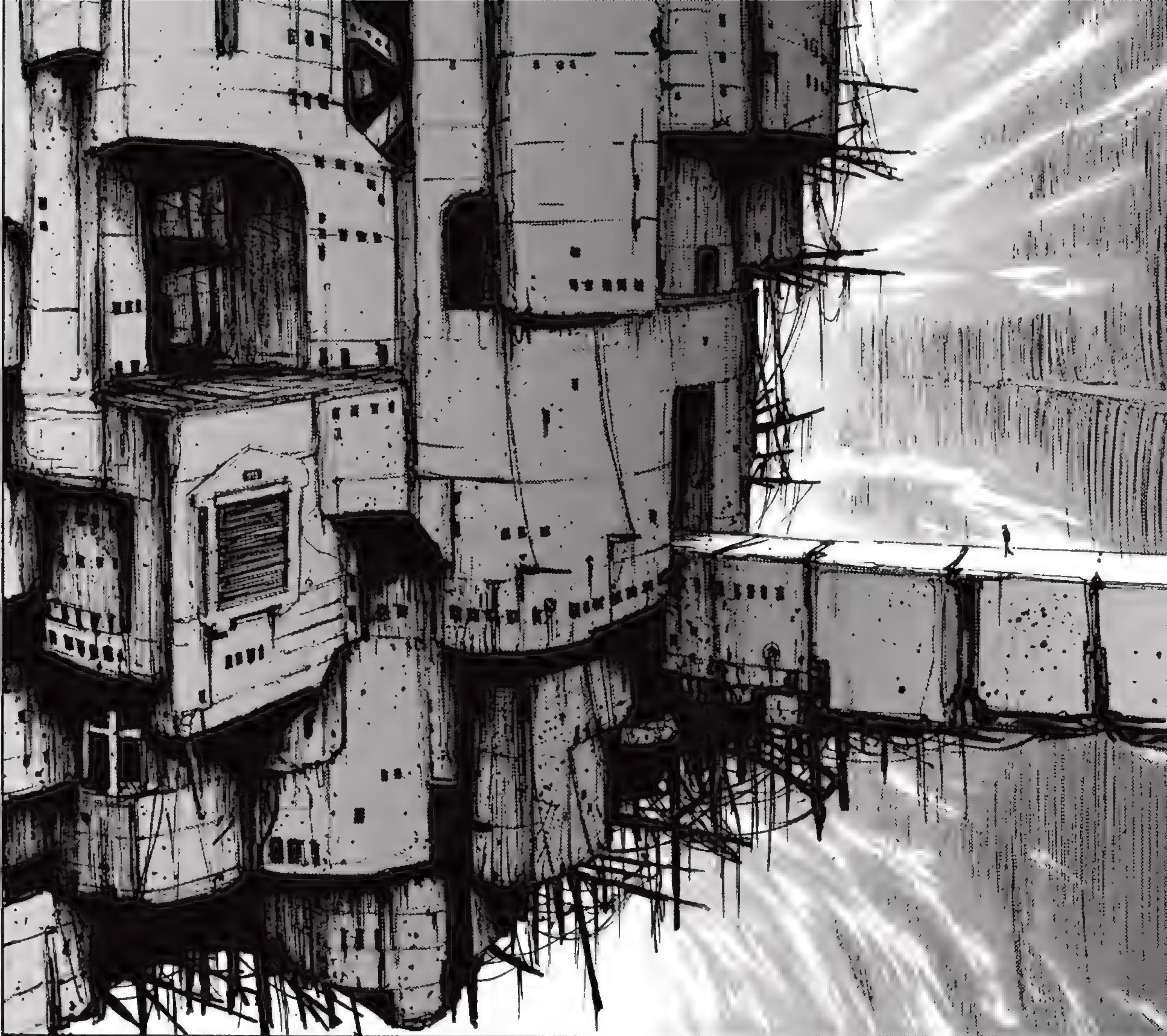




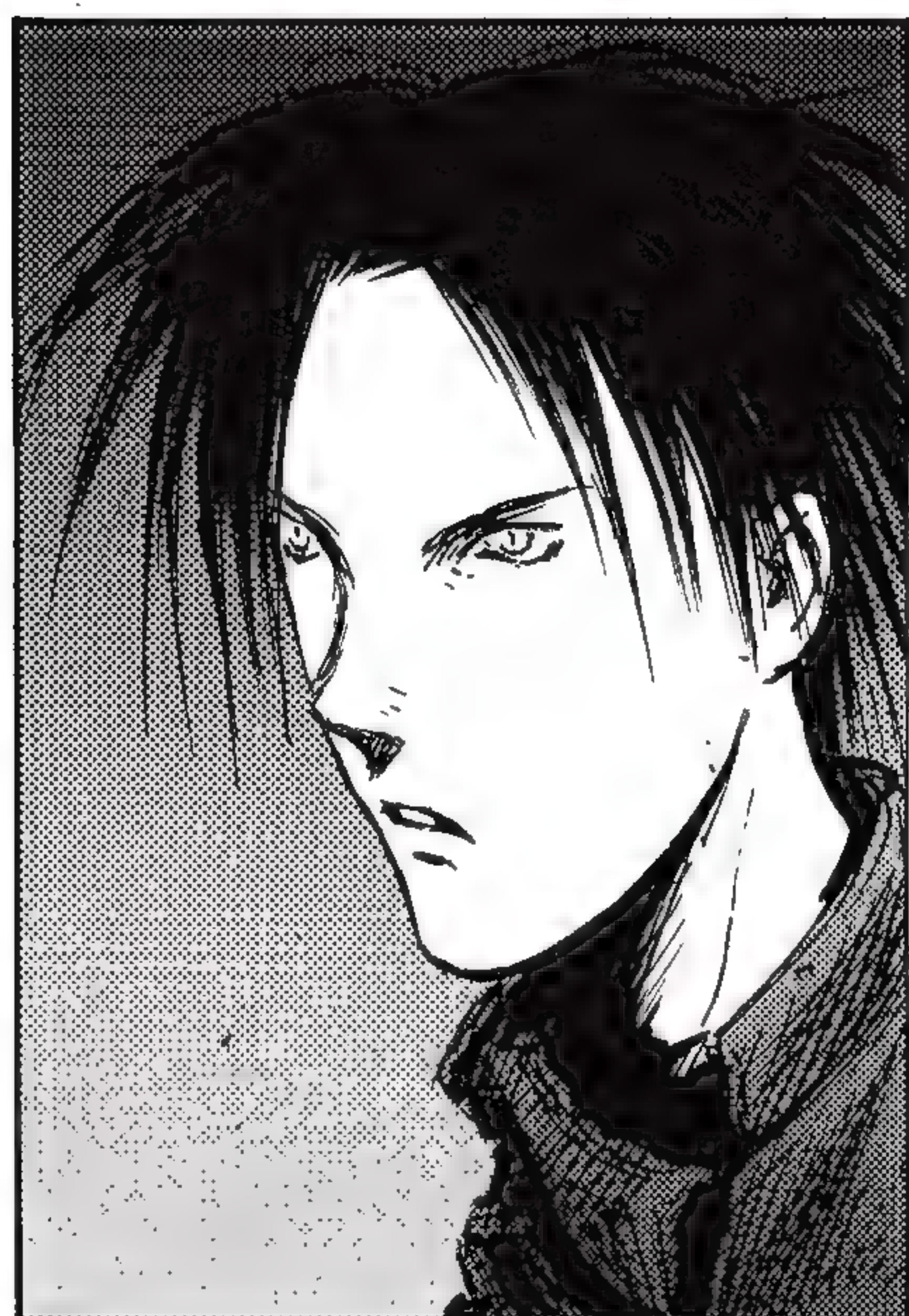
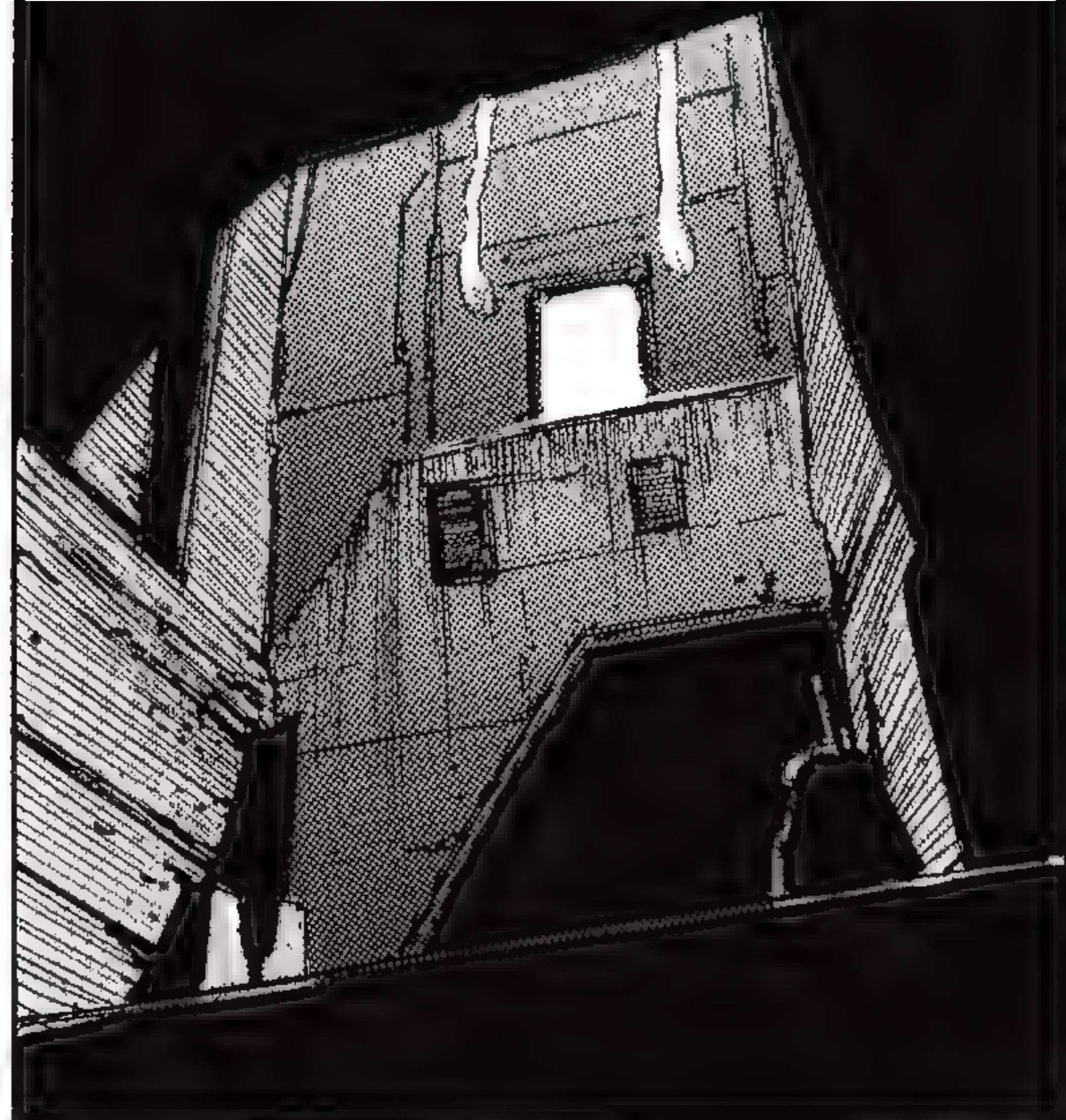


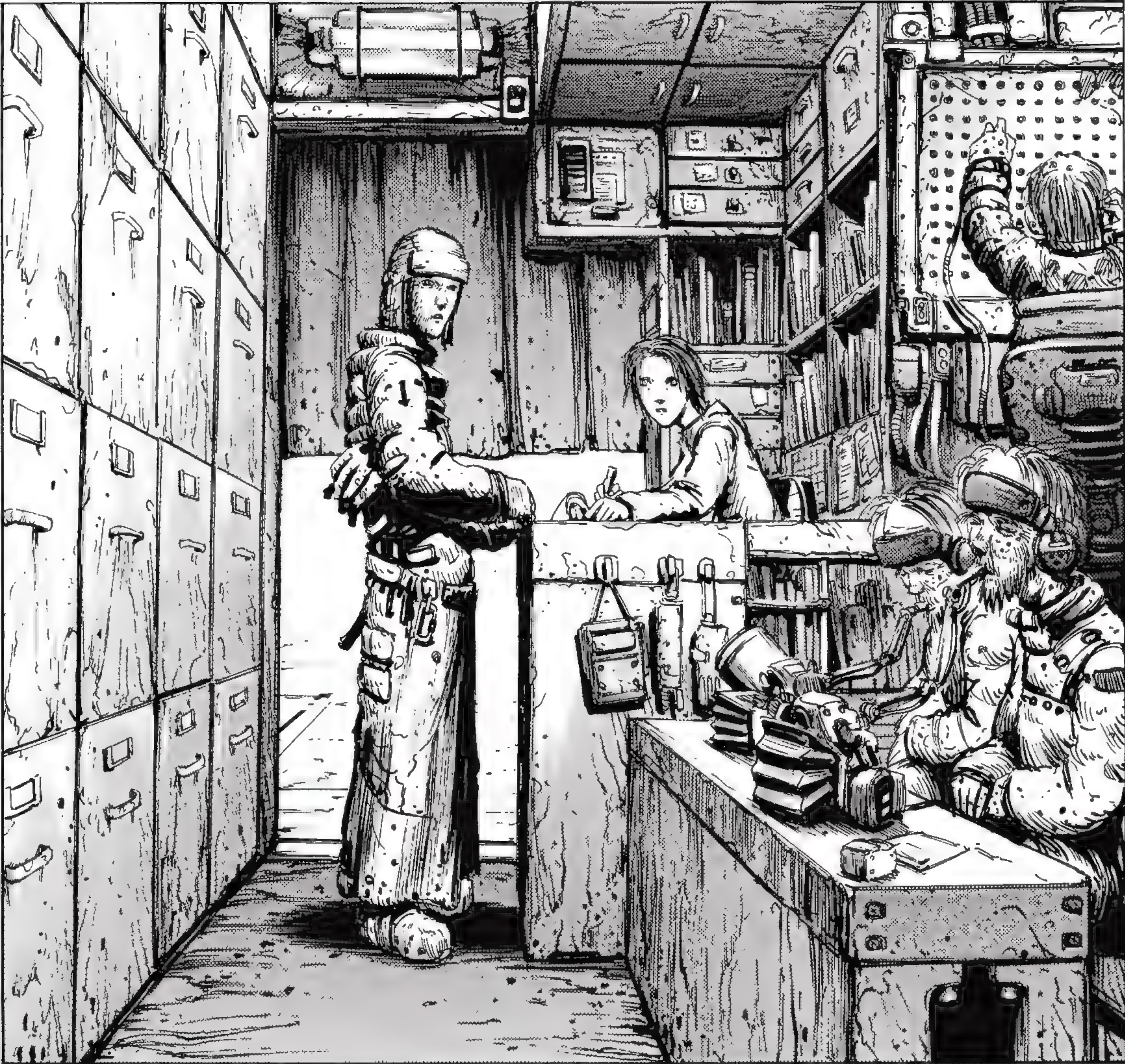


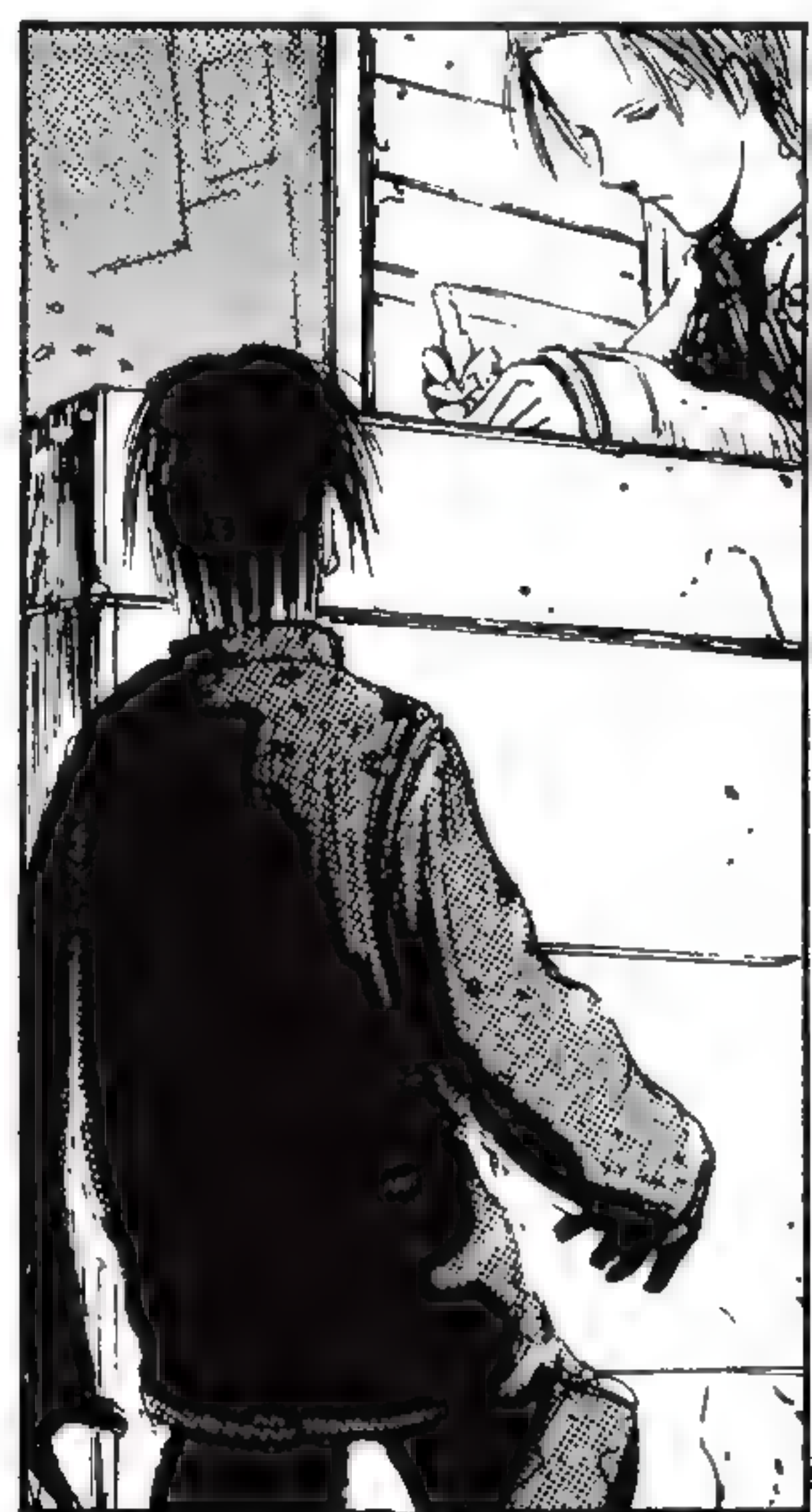
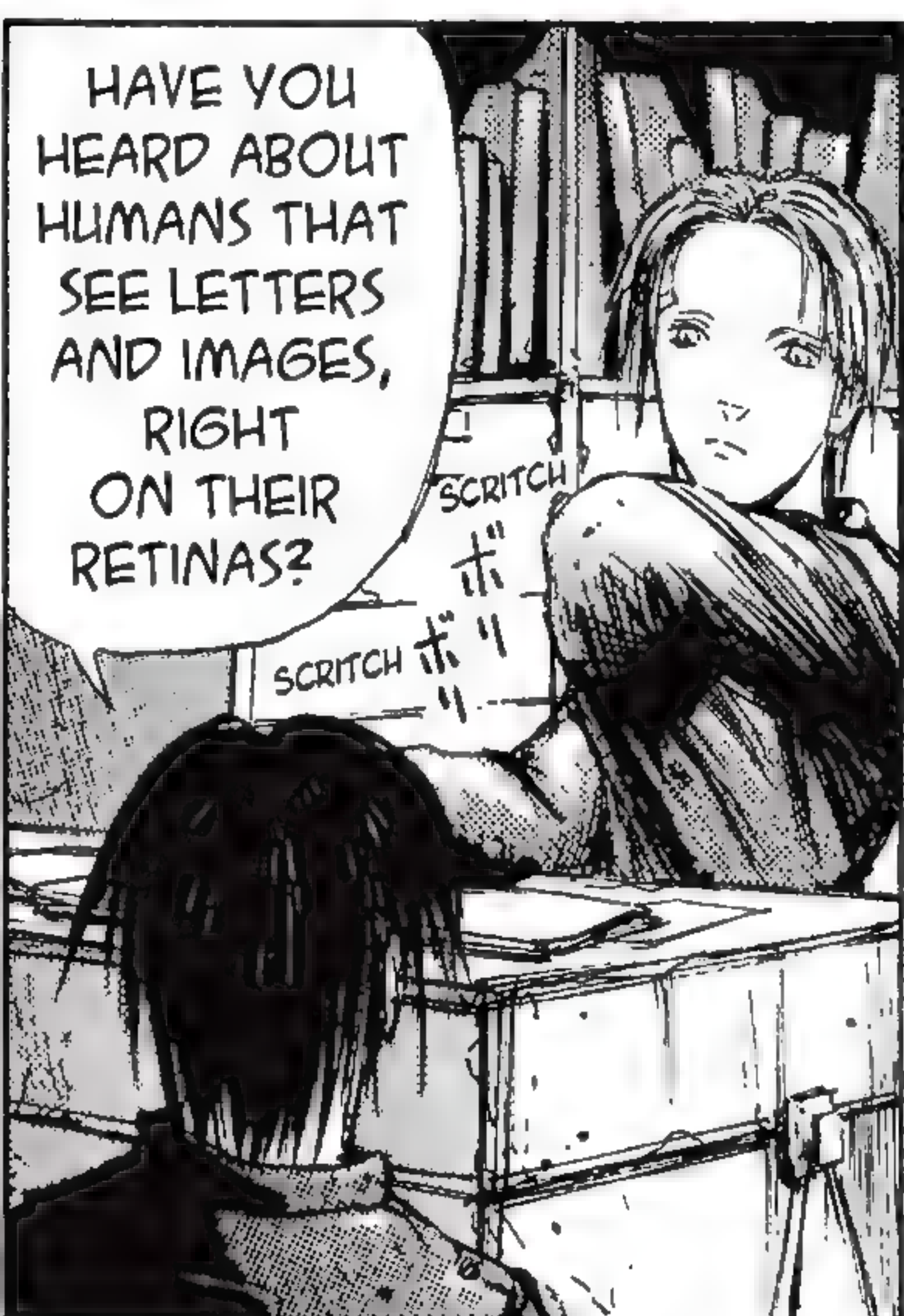
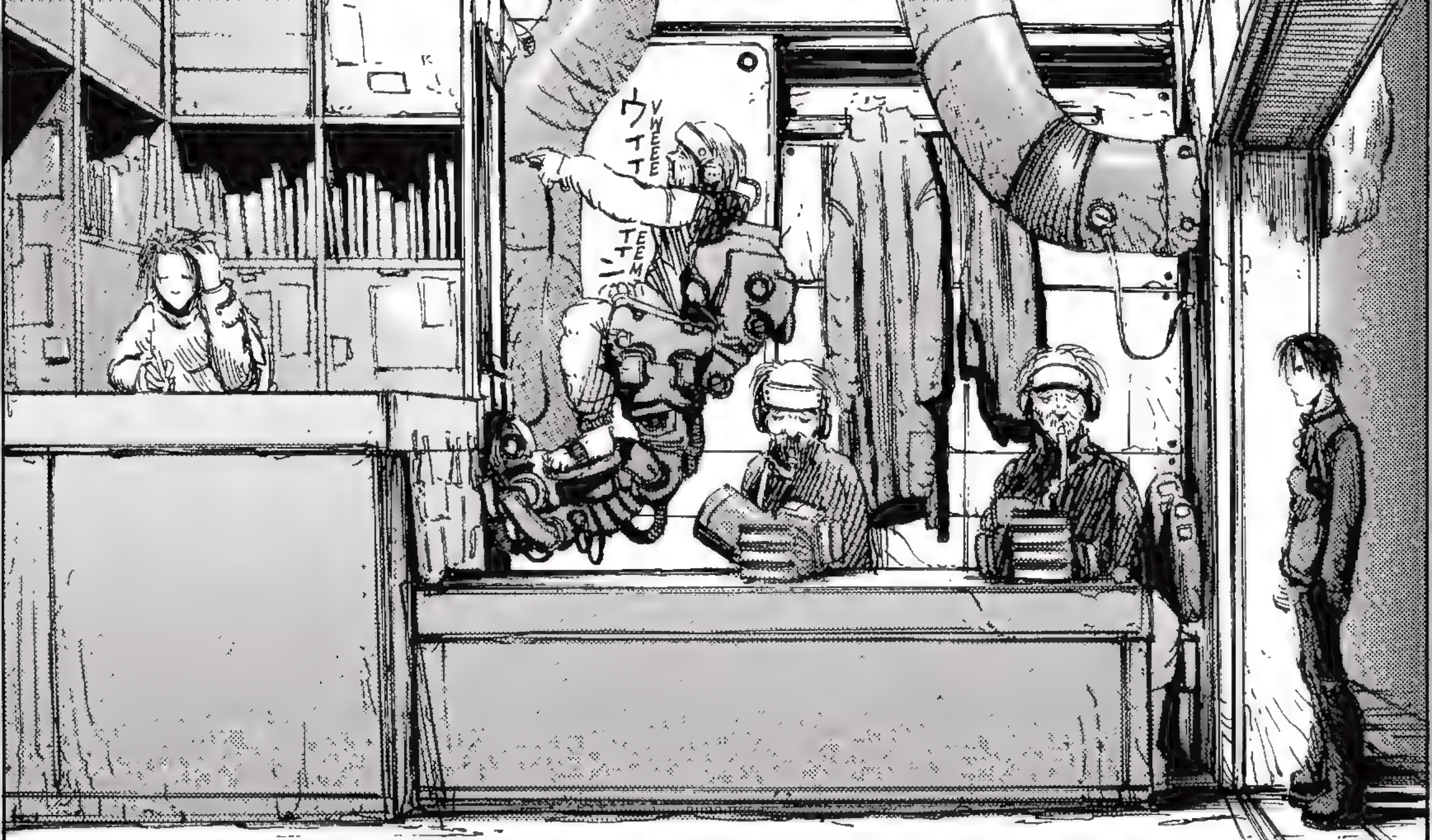






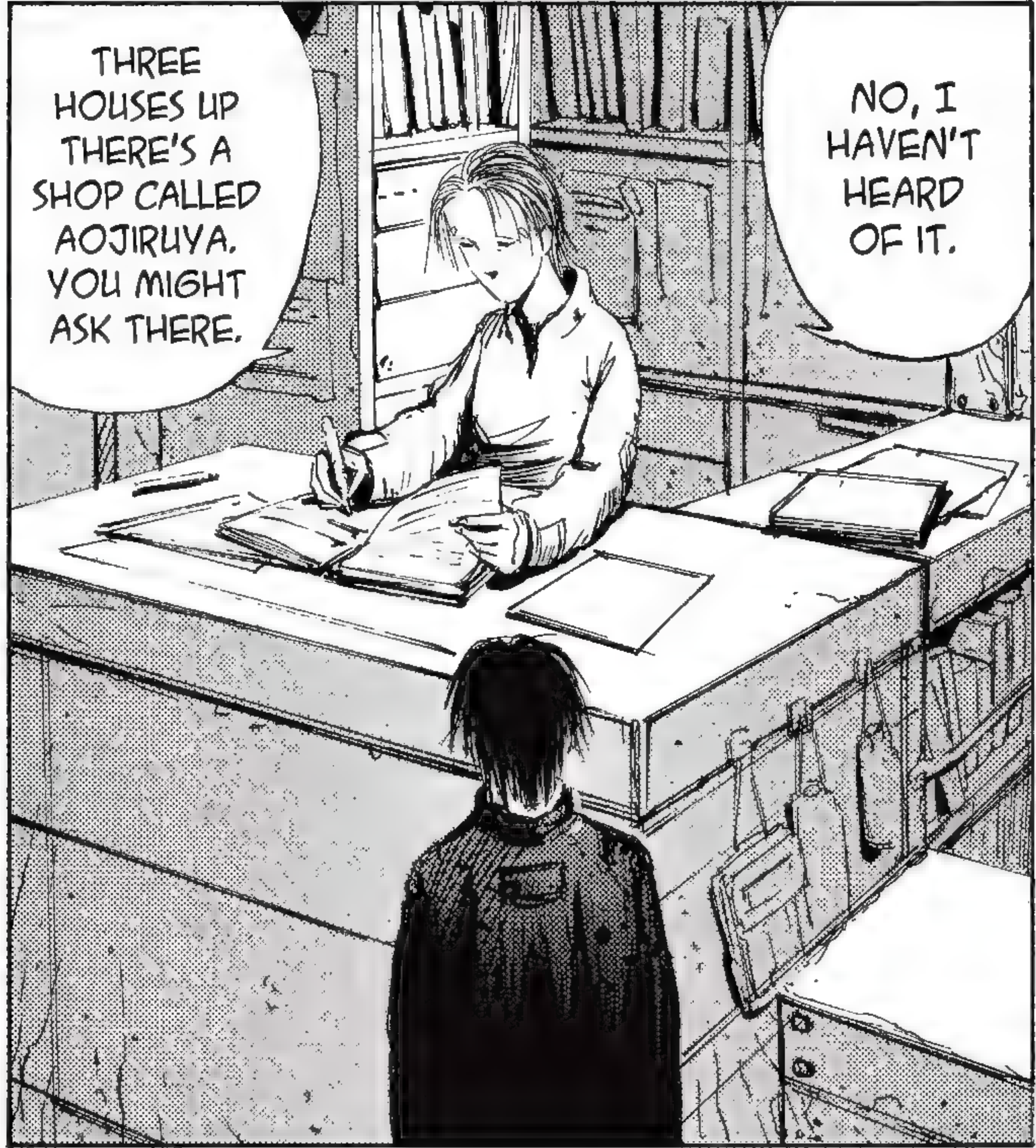








I'VE HEARD
TELL THERE'S
A GENETIC
ENGINEER ON
UP BY THE
CLUSTER.



THREE
HOUSES UP
THERE'S A
SHOP CALLED
AOJIRUYA.
YOU MIGHT
ASK THERE.

NO, I
HAVEN'T
HEARD
OF IT.



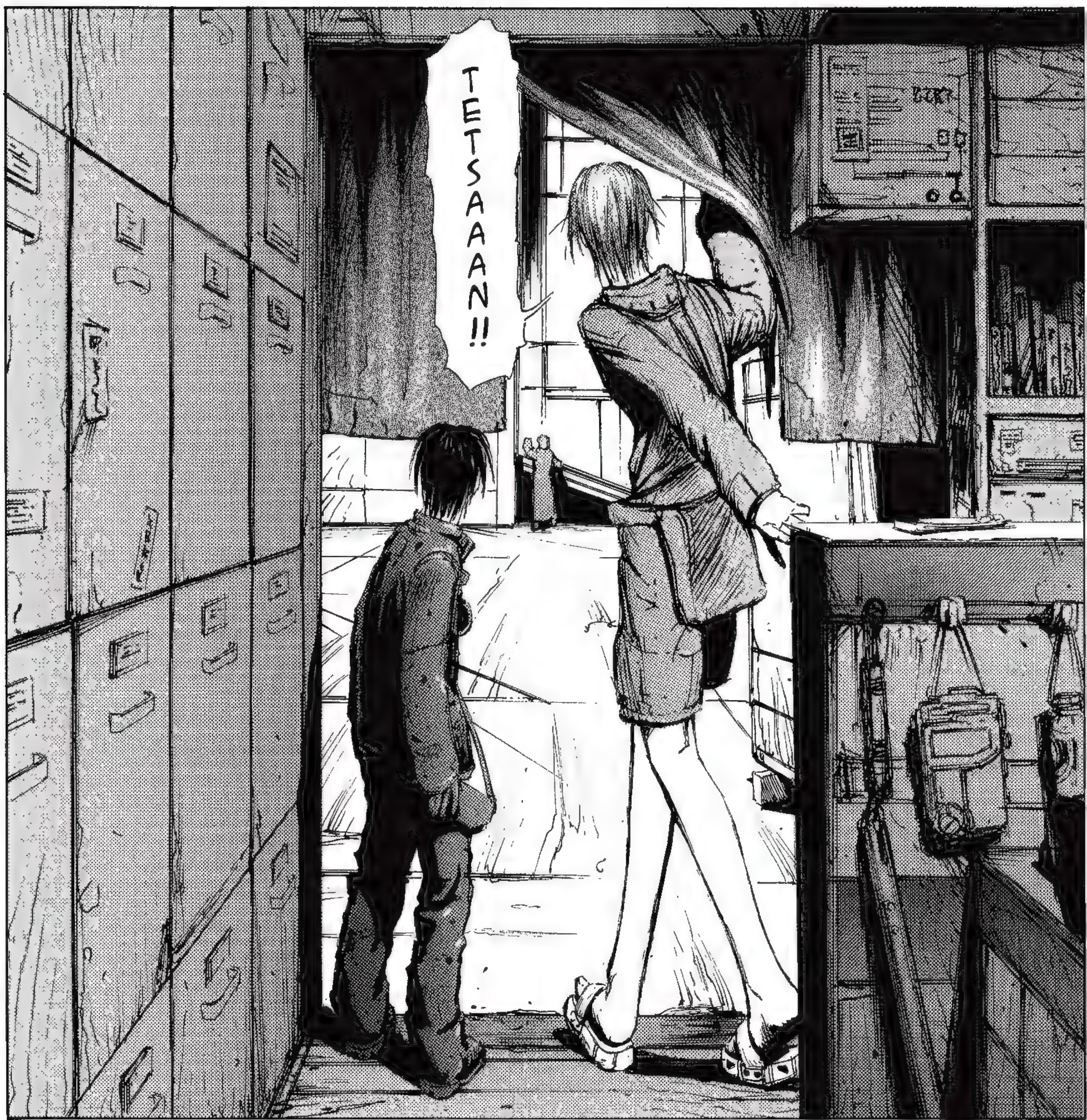
THE CLUSTER?
THERE ARE
HUMANS
THERE,
TOO?

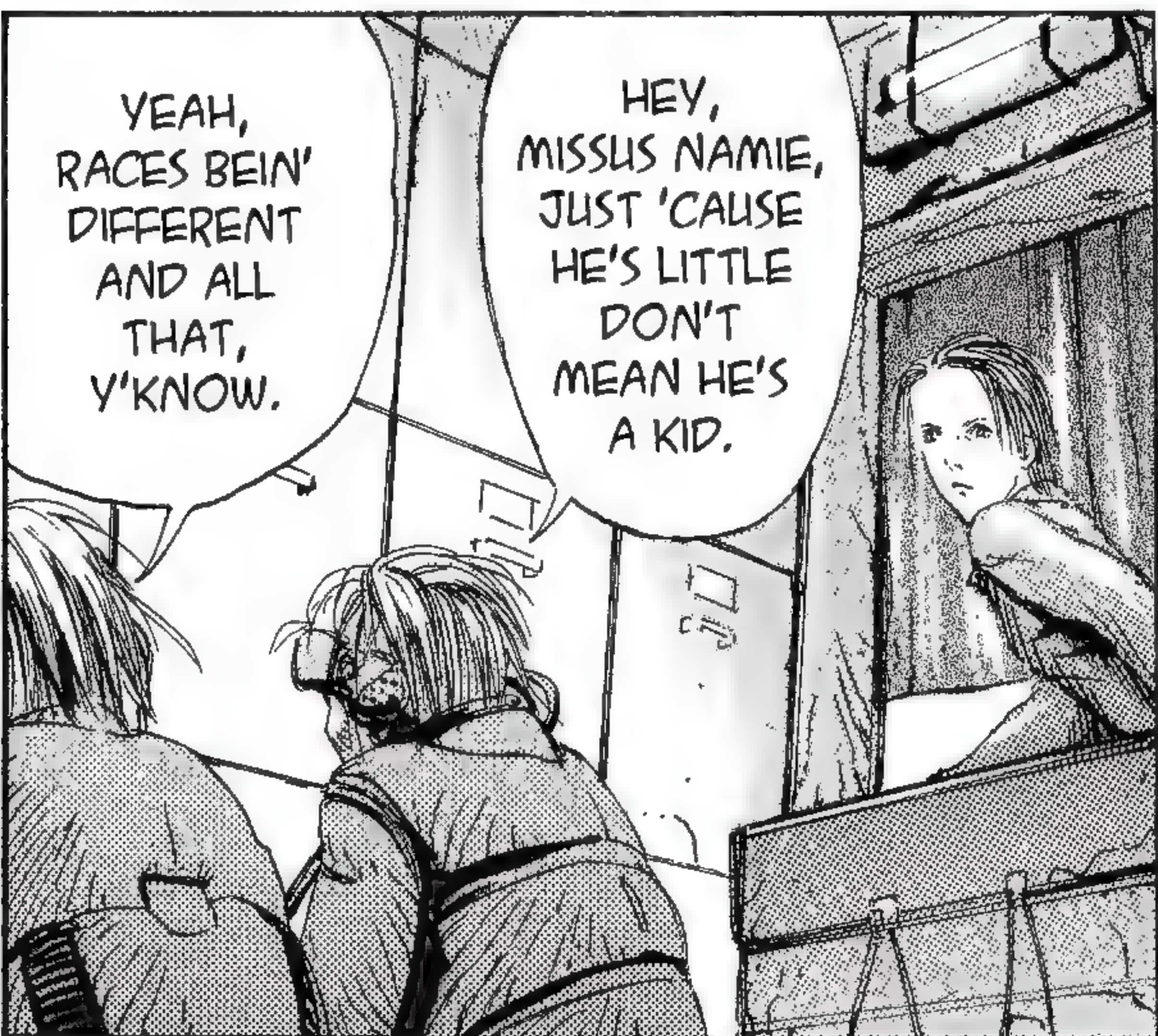
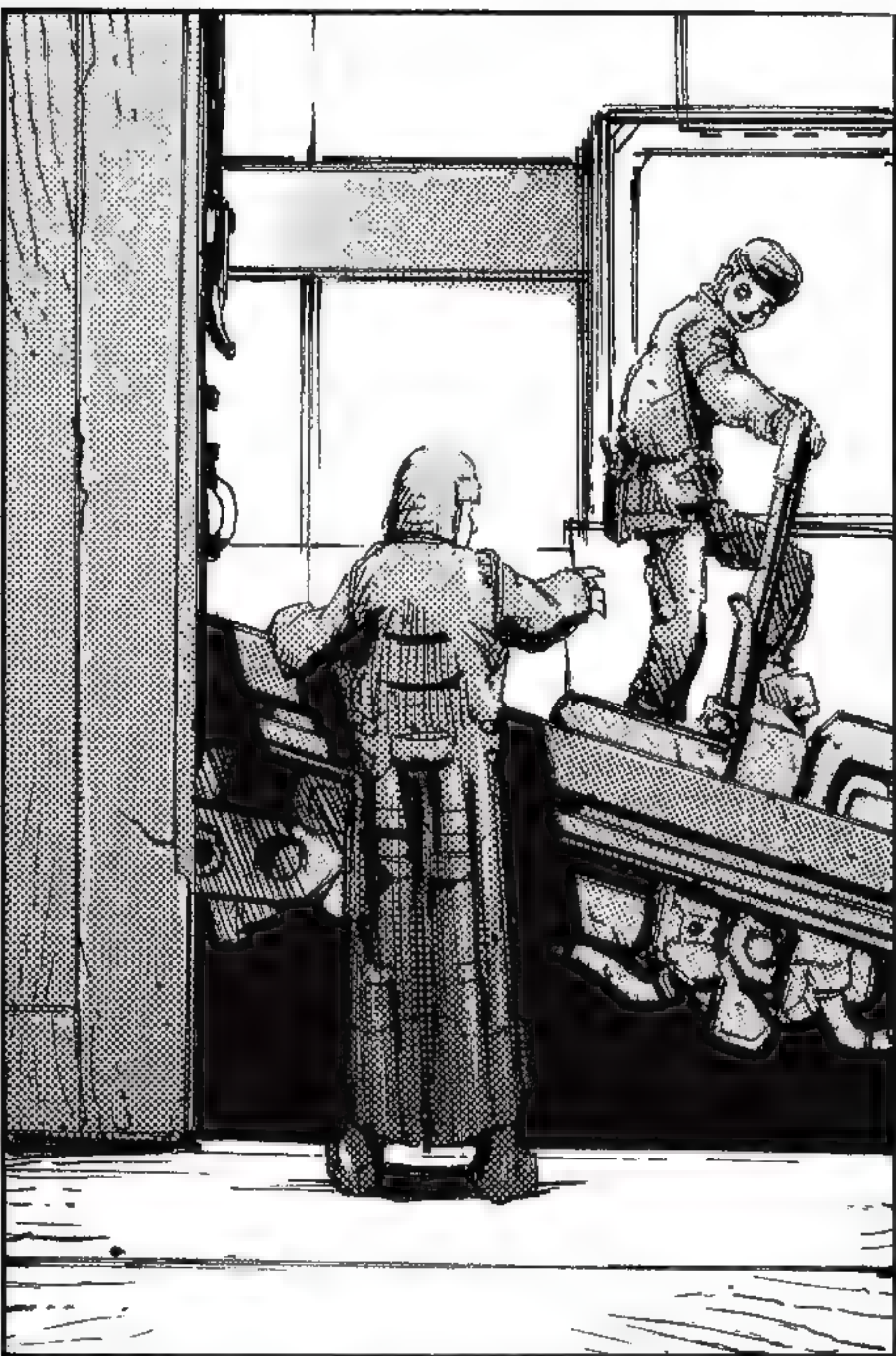


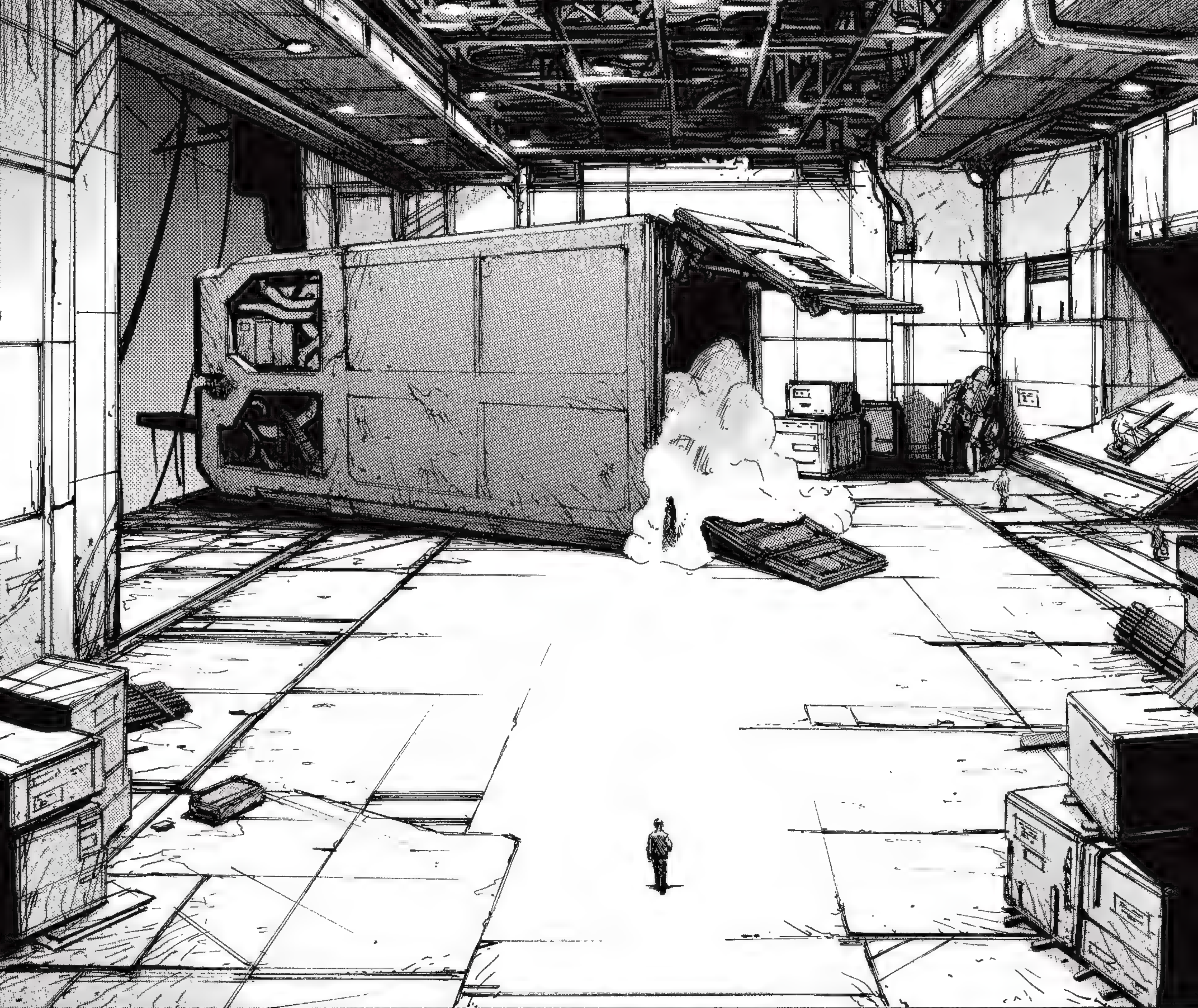
WHERE
IS IT?

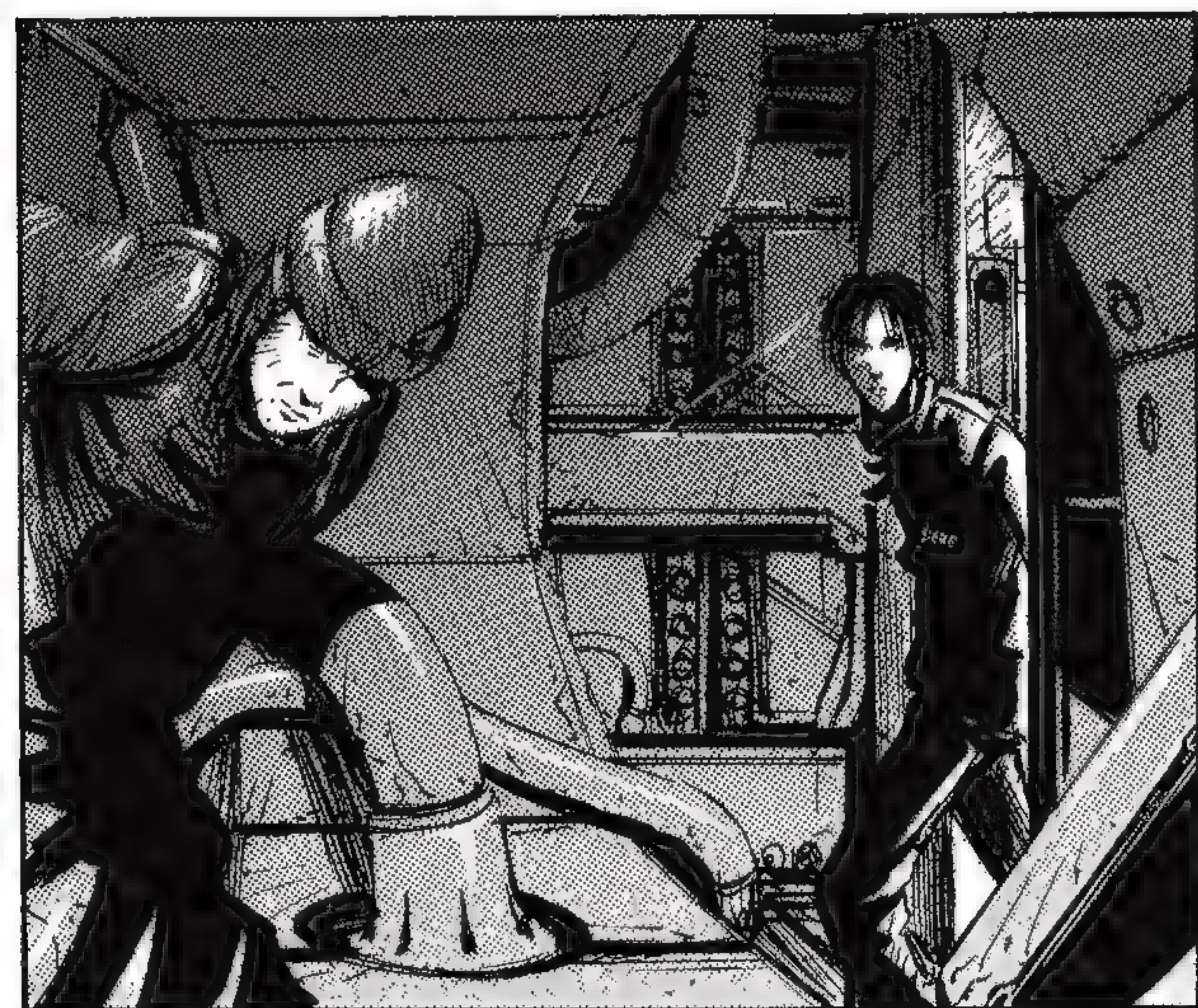
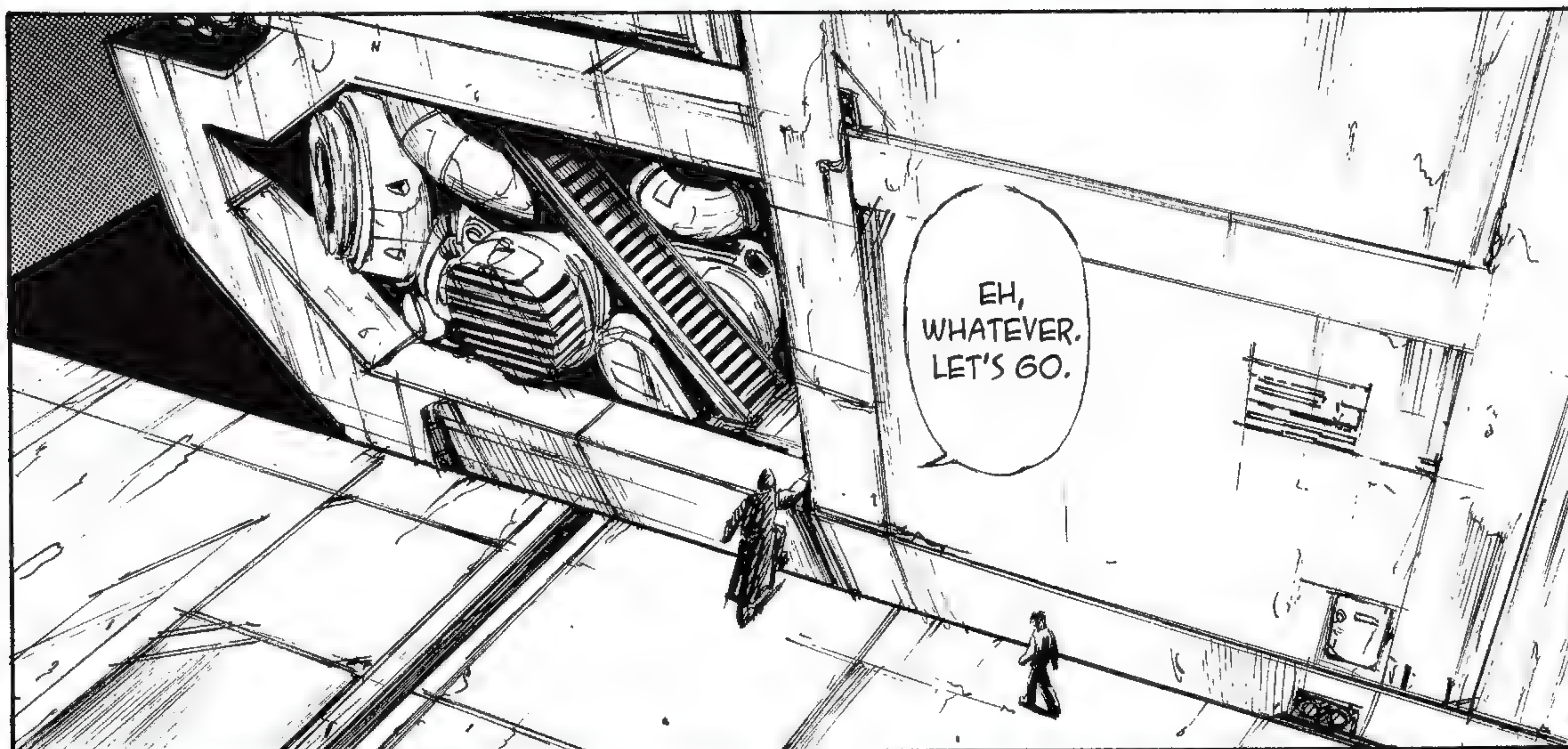


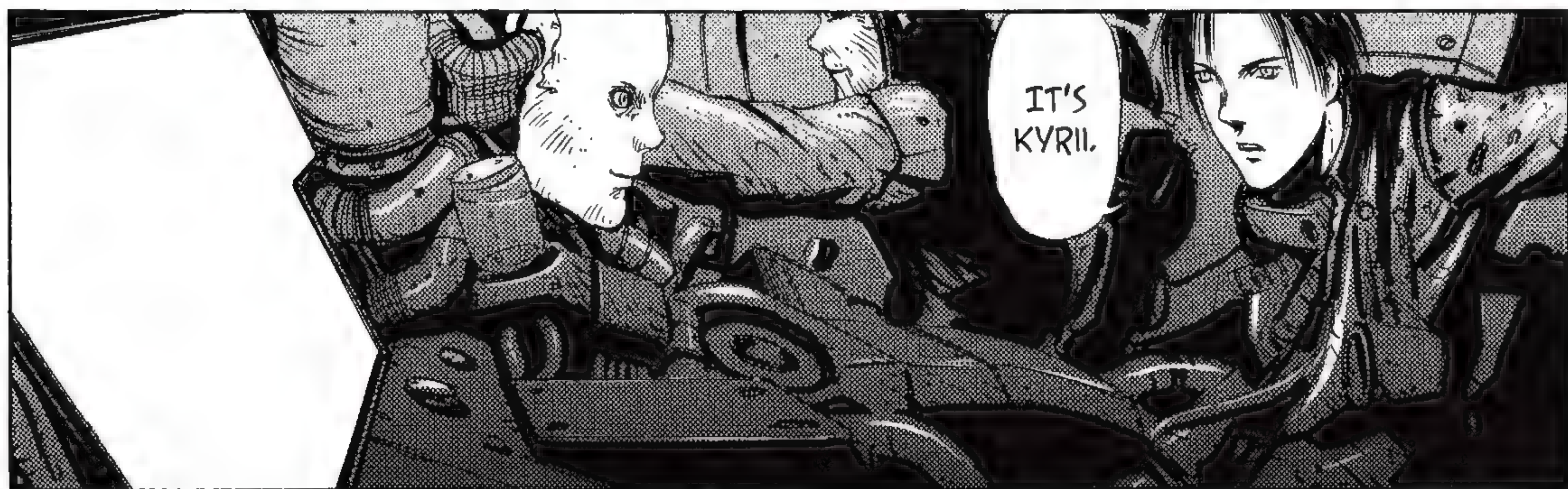
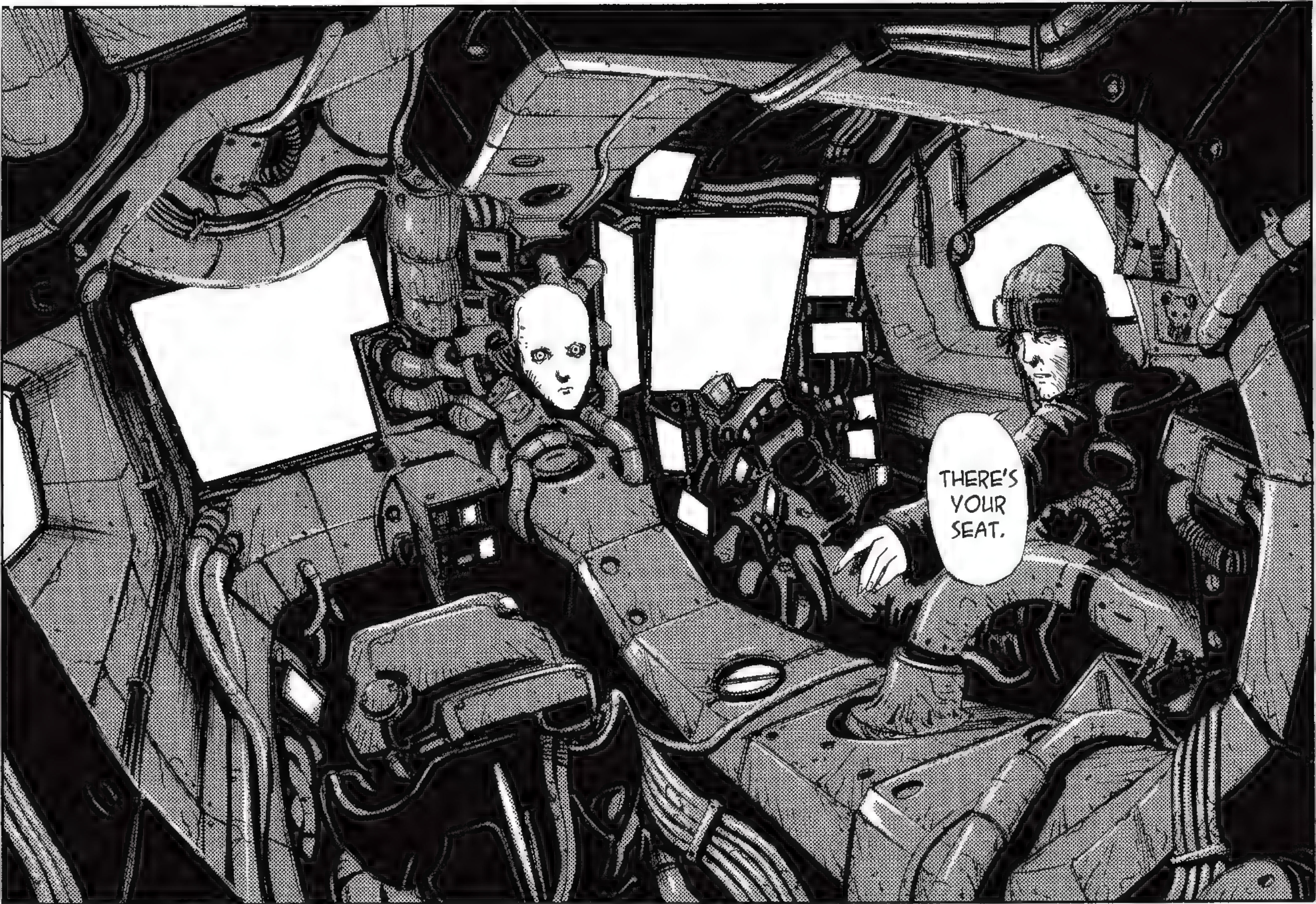
'COURSE
THERE ARE.
PLACE IS
CRAWLIN'
WITH 'EM.

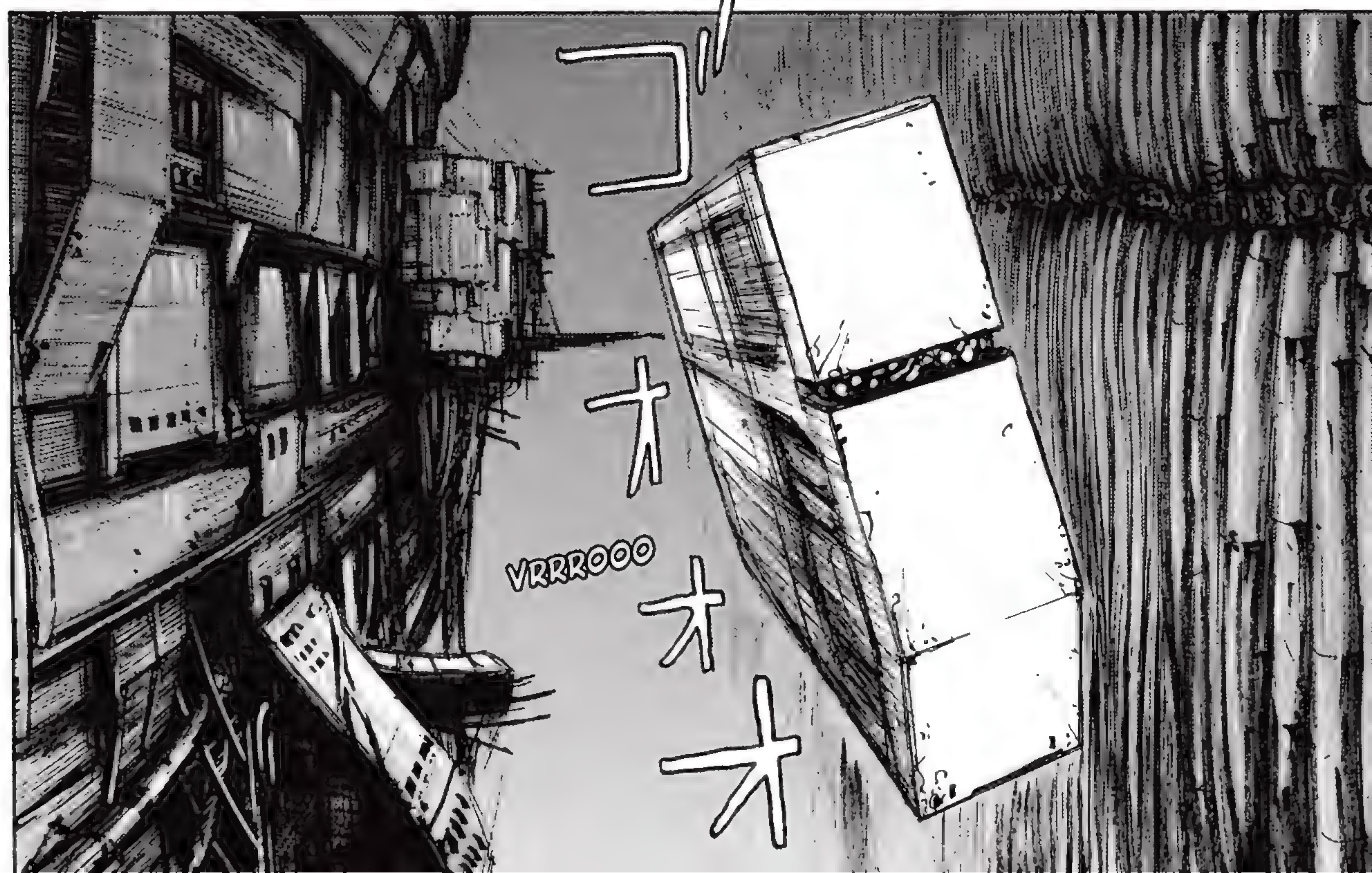
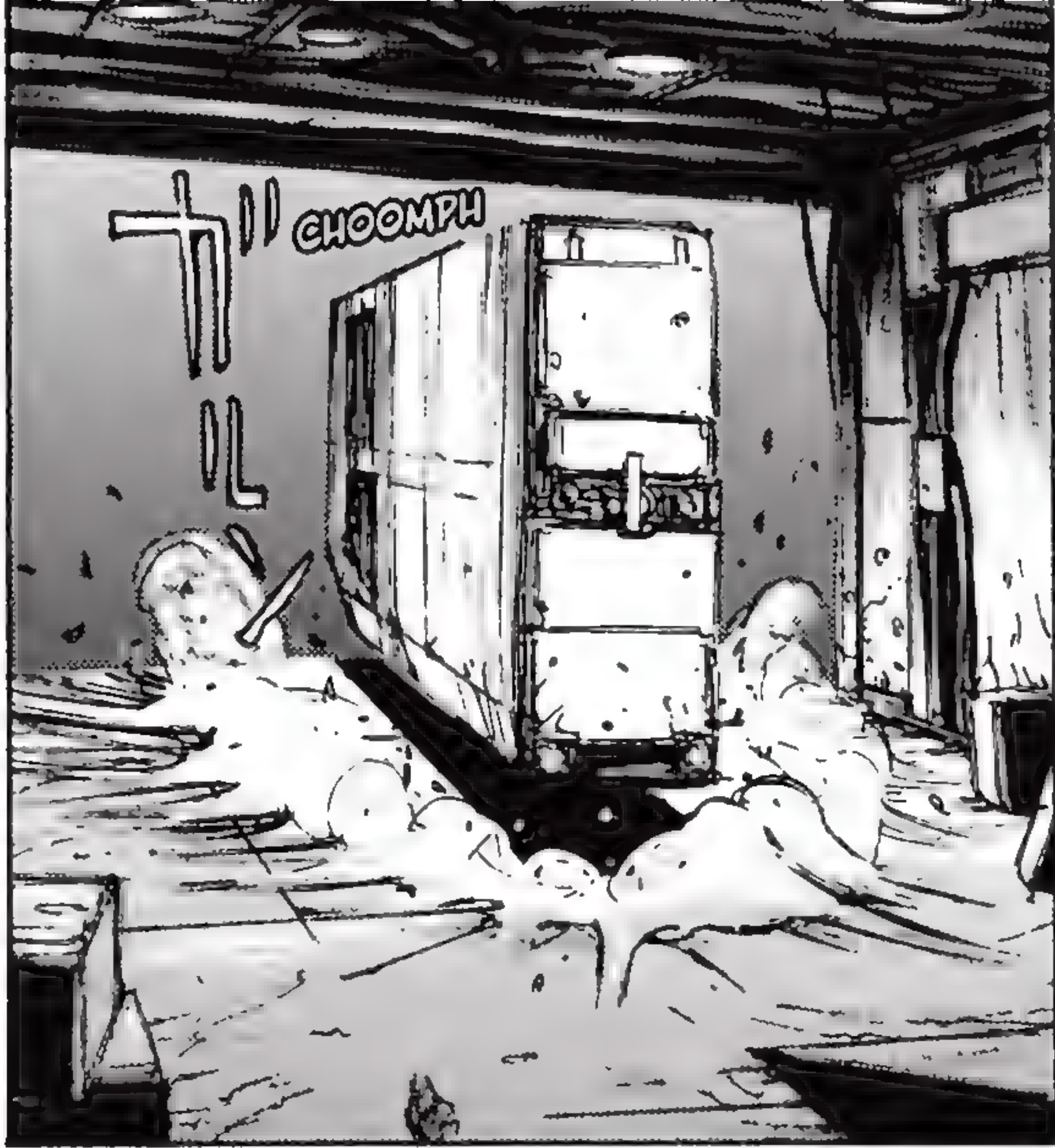


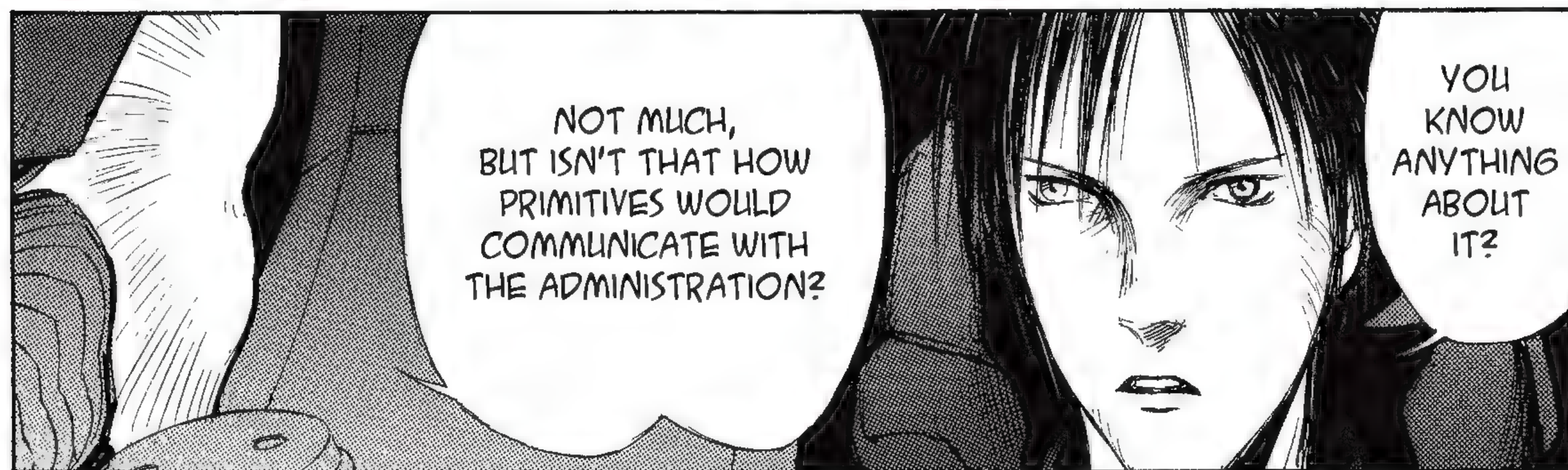
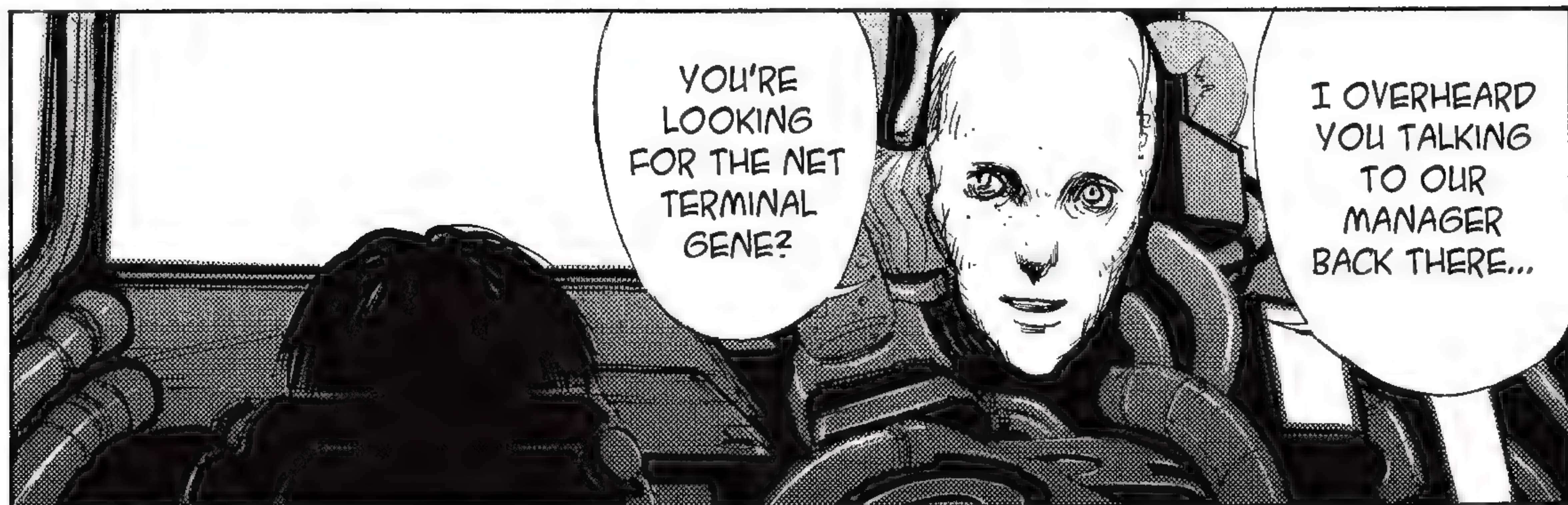
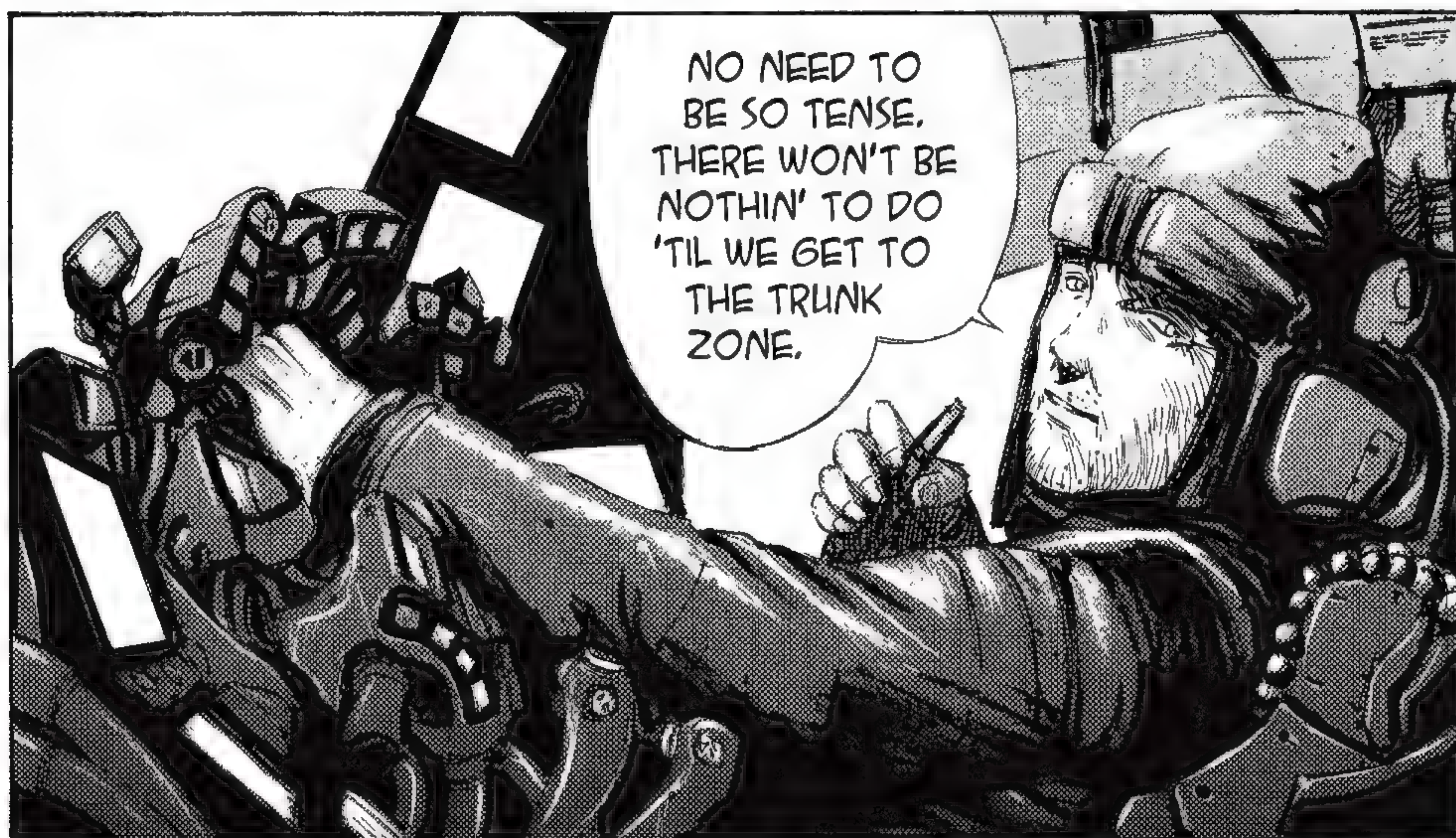
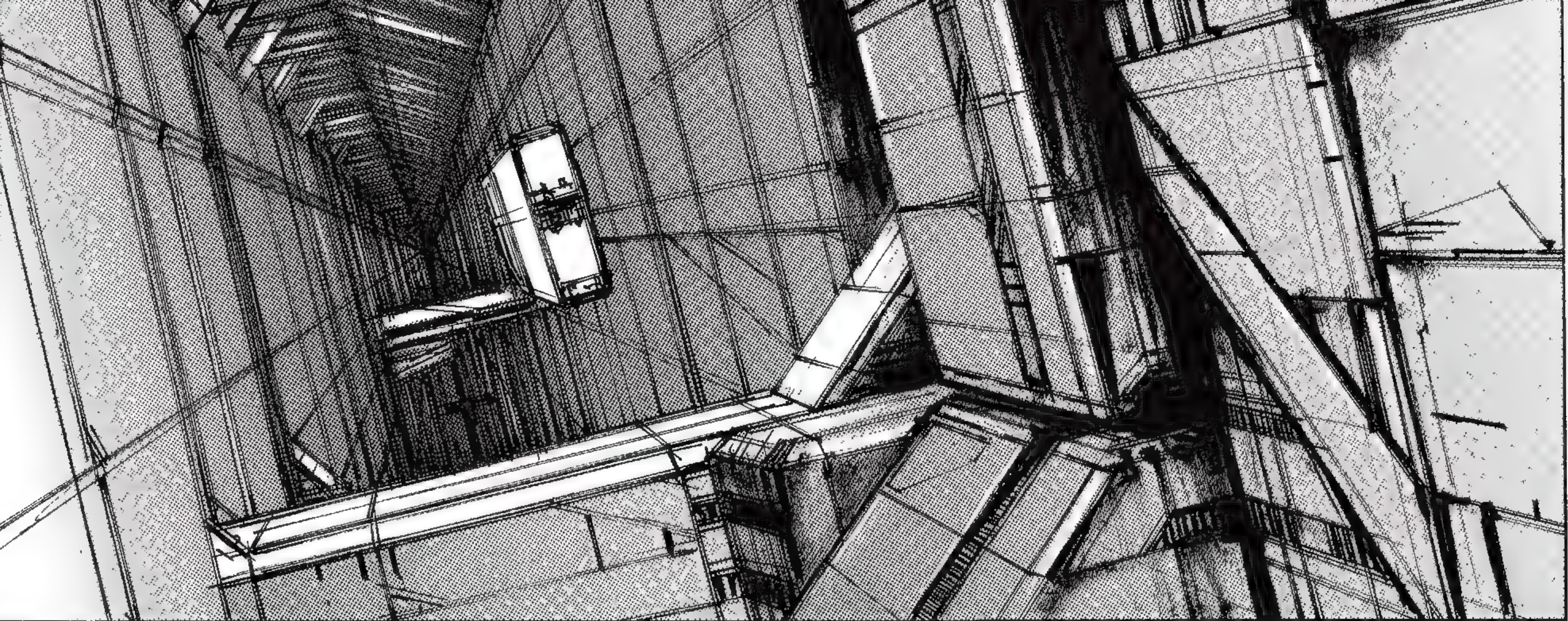


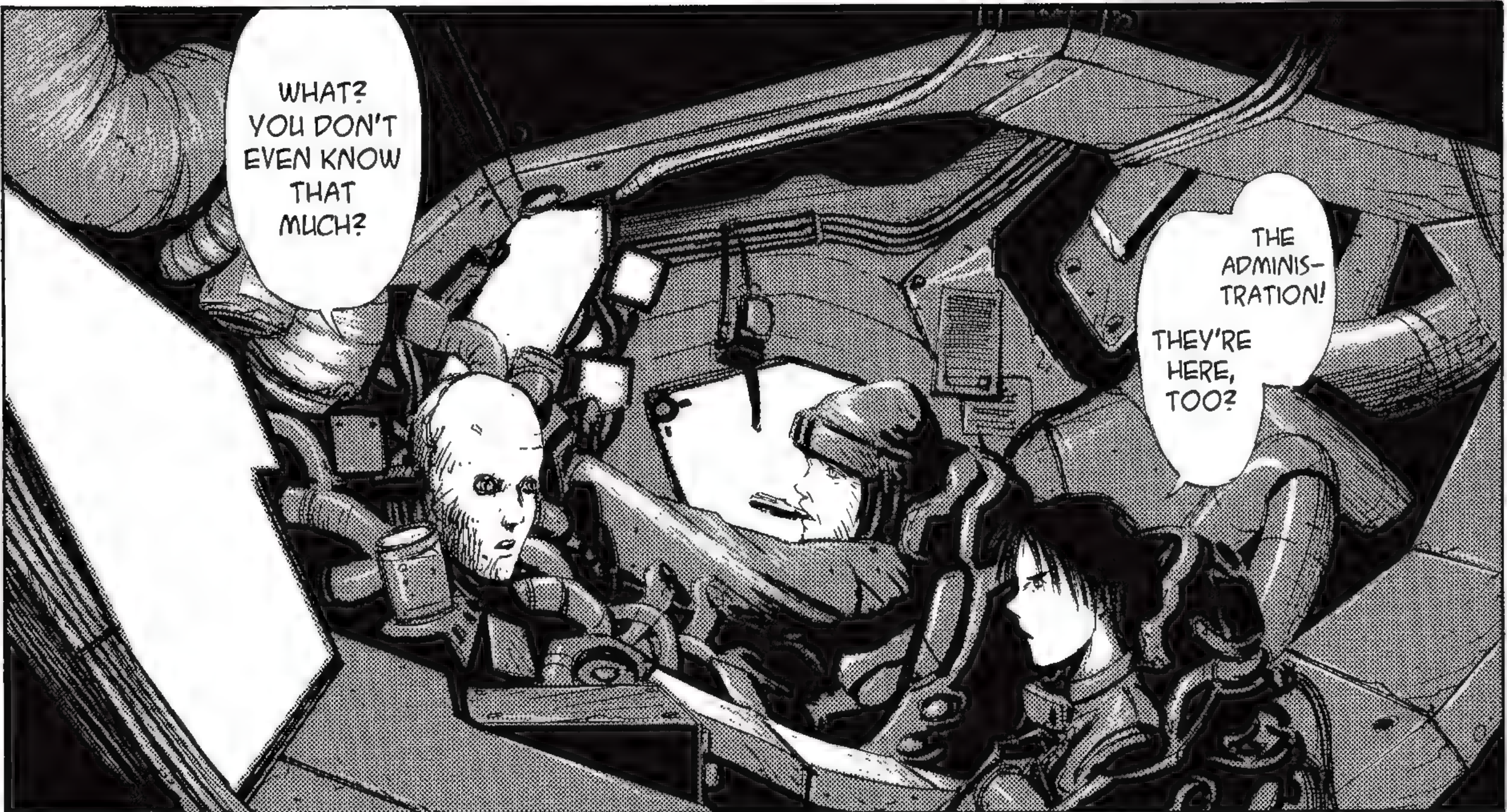












WHAT?
YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW
THAT
MUCH?

THE
ADMINIS-
TRATION!
THEY'RE
HERE,
TOO?



FAR
AWAY.
I
CAME
ACROSS
THE
OUTER
BRIDGE.

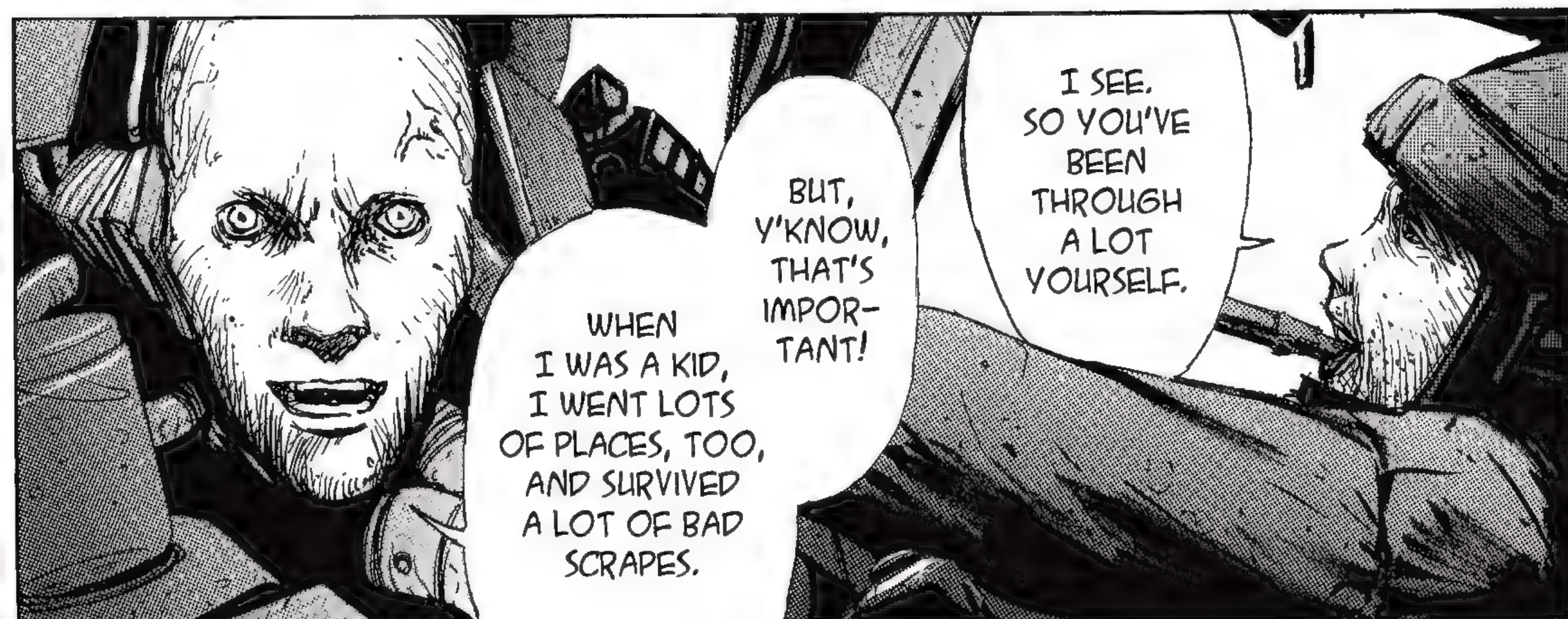
...



BY THE
WAY,
WHERE'D
YOU COME
FROM?



THIS IS THE
SO-CALLED
ABANDONED
STRATUM. A
LONG, LONG
TIME AGO, THE
ADMINISTRATION
QUIT MEDDLING
HERE.



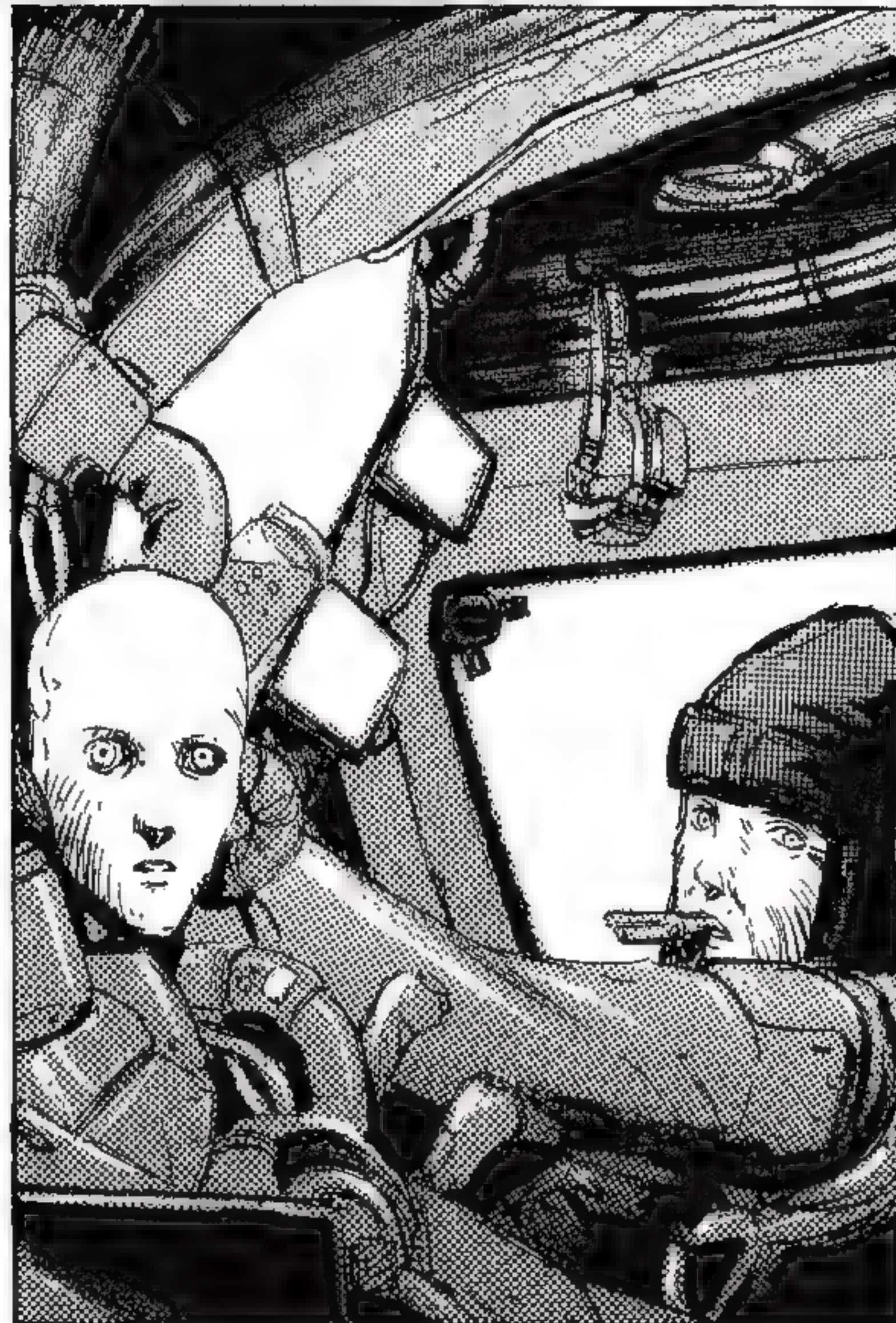
WHEN
I WAS A KID,
I WENT LOTS
OF PLACES, TOO,
AND SURVIVED
A LOT OF BAD
SCRAPES.

BUT,
Y'KNOW,
THAT'S
IMPOR-
TANT!

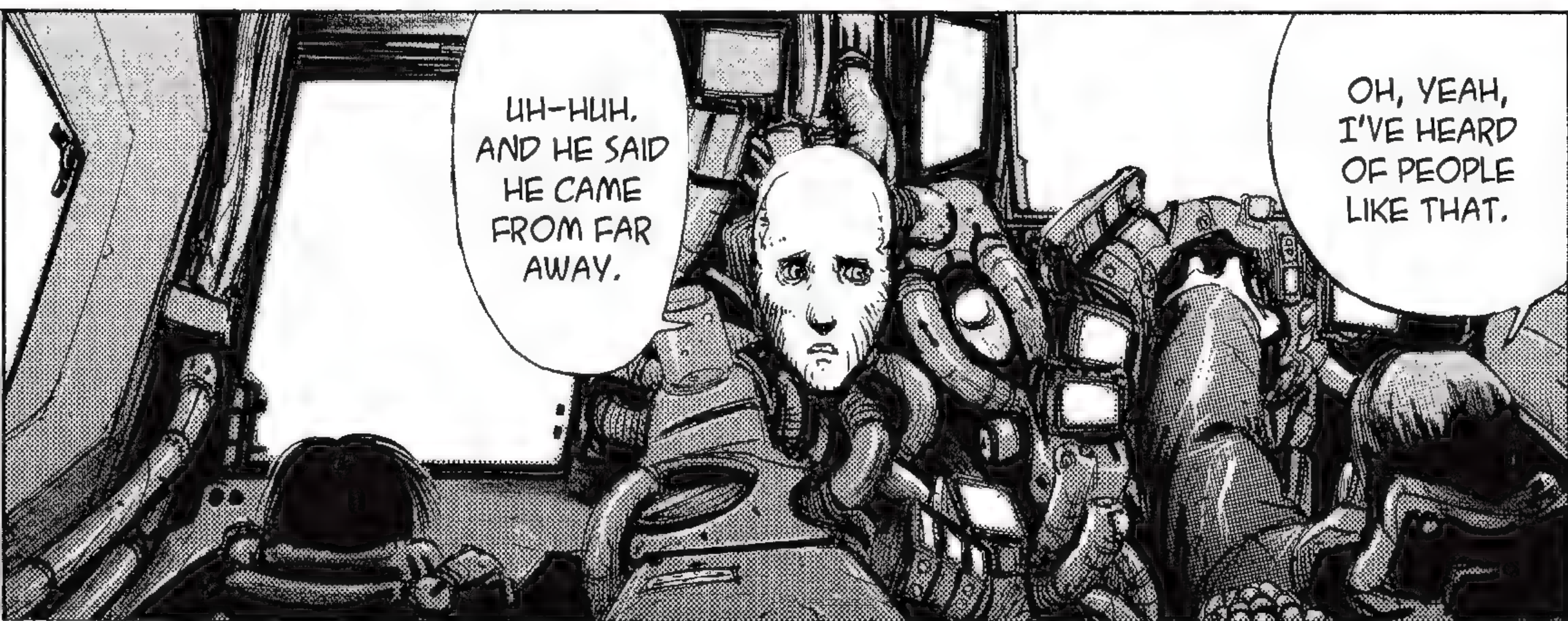
I SEE.
SO YOU'VE
BEEN
THROUGH
A LOT
YOURSELF.



I'VE
FINISHED
GROWING.



I'M
NOT A
CHILD.

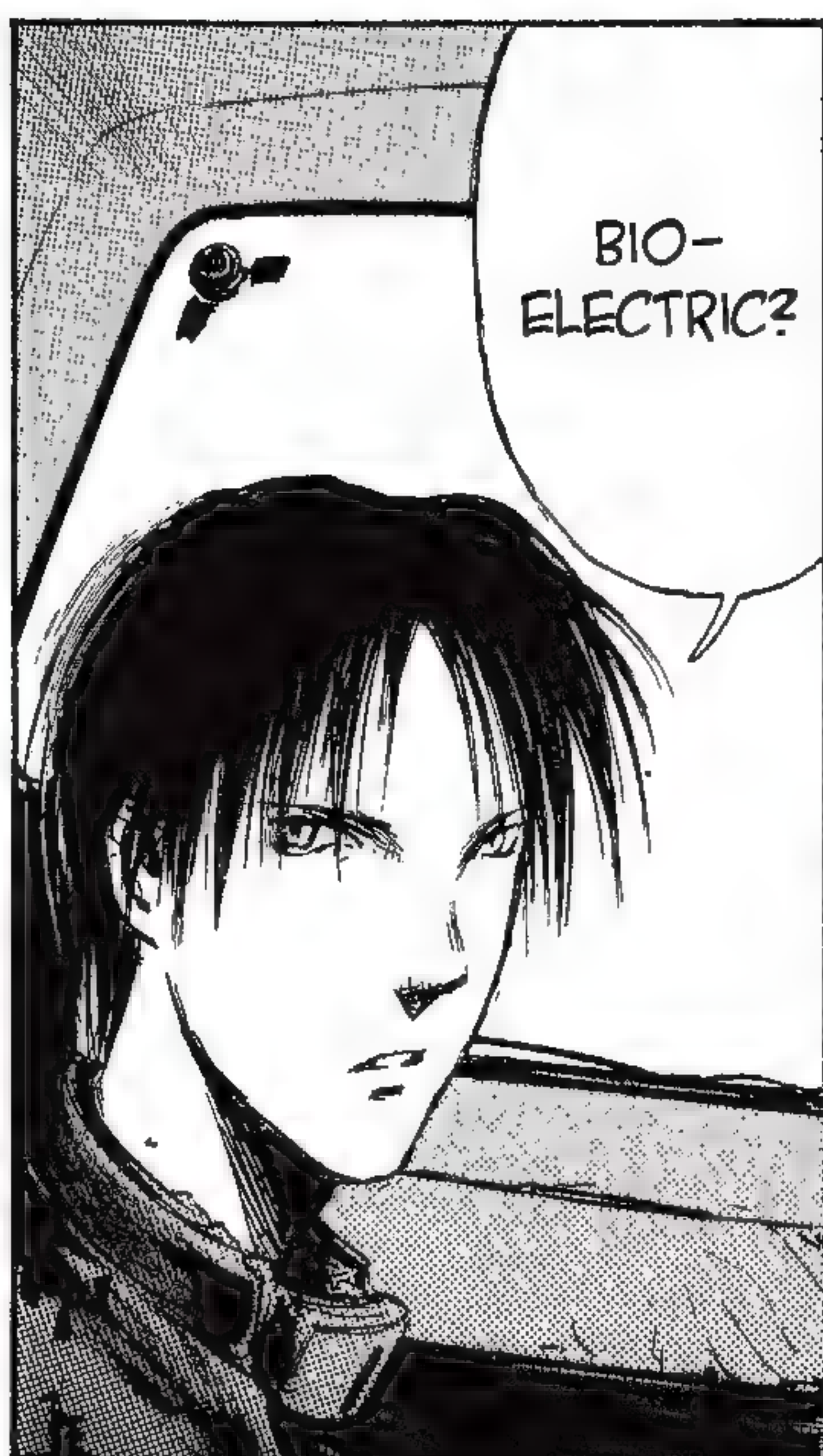


UH-HUH,
AND HE SAID
HE CAME
FROM FAR
AWAY.

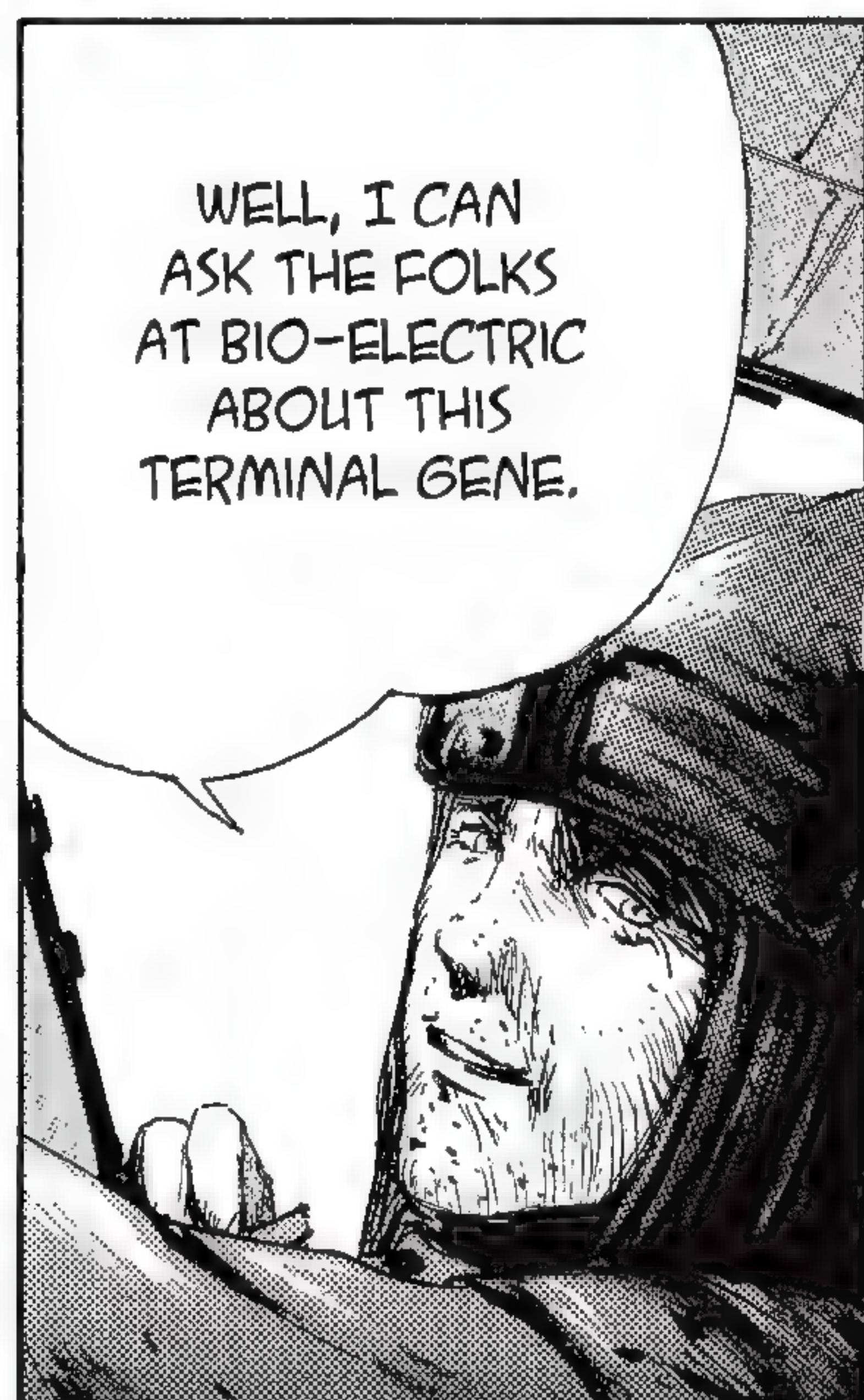
OH, YEAH,
I'VE HEARD
OF PEOPLE
LIKE THAT.



THEY'RE OUR BUYERS.
A GROUP OF
SCIENTISTS IN
THE CLUSTER.



BIO-
ELECTRIC?



WELL, I CAN
ASK THE FOLKS
AT BIO-ELECTRIC
ABOUT THIS
TERMINAL GENE.

